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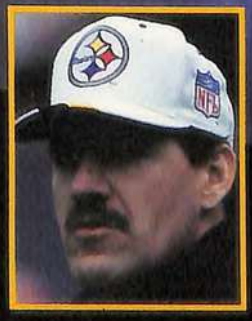

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SEPTEMBER		
3	Detroit	1 p.m.
10	at Houston	1 p.m.
18	at Miami	9 p.m.
24	Minnesota	1 p.m.
OCTOBER		
1	San Diego	4 p.m.
8	at Jacksonville	1 p.m.
19	Cincinnati	8 p.m.
29	Jacksonville	1 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
5	at Chicago	4 p.m.
13	Cleveland	9 p.m.
19	at Cincinnati	1 p.m.
26	at Cleveland	4 p.m.
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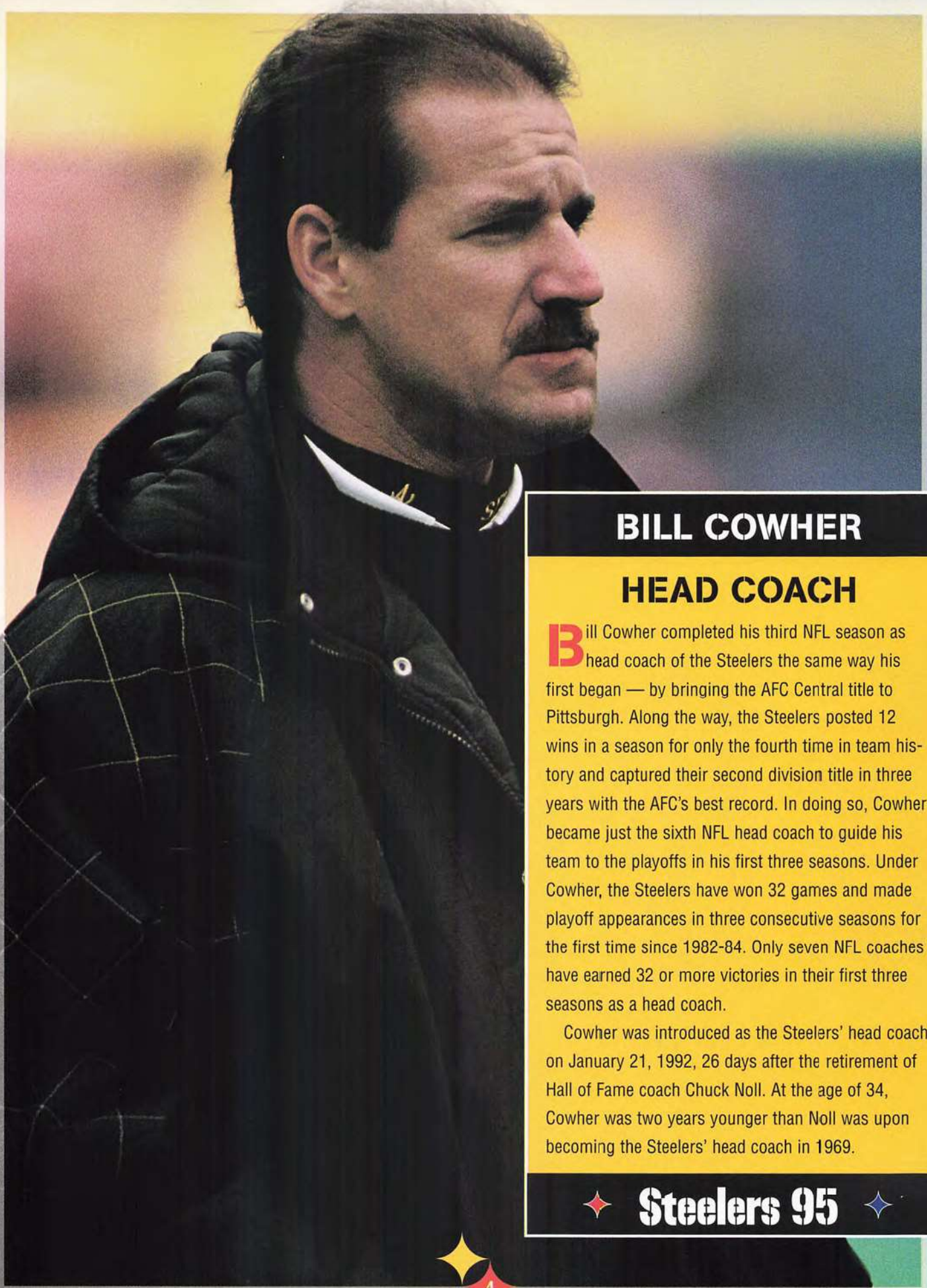

BILL COWHER

HEAD COACH

Bill Cowher completed his third NFL season as head coach of the Steelers the same way his first began — by bringing the AFC Central title to Pittsburgh. Along the way, the Steelers posted 12 wins in a season for only the fourth time in team history and captured their second division title in three years with the AFC's best record. In doing so, Cowher became just the sixth NFL head coach to guide his team to the playoffs in his first three seasons. Under Cowher, the Steelers have won 32 games and made playoff appearances in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1982-84. Only seven NFL coaches have earned 32 or more victories in their first three seasons as a head coach.

Cowher was introduced as the Steelers' head coach on January 21, 1992, 26 days after the retirement of Hall of Fame coach Chuck Noll. At the age of 34, Cowher was two years younger than Noll was upon becoming the Steelers' head coach in 1969.

A Pittsburgh-native, the 38-year-old Cowher returned to his hometown following seven years as an assistant under Marty Schottenheimer in Cleveland and Kansas City. His appointment as the Steelers' head coach immediately followed a three-year stint as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Chiefs.

Cowher has 15 years of NFL experience, including five as a player, seven as an assistant coach and three as a head coach. In his first 10 years of coaching, Cowher has never been associated with a team that posted a losing record. In fact, in nine of the 10 seasons he has been a coach, Cowher's team has advanced to the playoffs.

Under Cowher the Steelers won their first NFL rushing title since 1976 with an average of 136 yards per game in 1994. The defense improved from 22nd in 1991 to an overall ranking of second this season. The Steelers also established a new team record with a league-leading 55 sacks. During Cowher's first two seasons, the team posted a +11 turnover ratio each year to rank second and third in the league in that category. In 1994, they led the NFL with a +14 ratio. During Cowher's tenure, the Steelers have never ranked lower than third in the AFC for time of possession or rushing.

Defensively, the Steelers posted a league-leading 43 takeaways in 1992 followed by 38 in 1993 and 31 in 1994. In 1994, only one team allowed fewer touchdowns or points per game, and they ranked no worse than second in eight of the 17 defensive categories.

In his first year as head coach, Cowher was selected the 1992 National Football League's Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and The Sporting News. Cowher was also named Pittsburgh's Man of the Year in Sports by the Dapper Dan Club. He directed the Steelers to their first AFC Central division crown in eight years with an 11-5 record, which was the team's best mark since they last won a Super Bowl in 1979. One of four AFC teams to win 11 games in 1992, the Steelers shared the best record in the conference as Cowher became one of only 12 coaches in NFL history to win 11 games in his first season as a head coach.

The 1993 Steelers got off to a slow start at 0-2, but six wins in the next seven games brought the team to a 6-3 mark and first place in the AFC Central division. On the final weekend of the regular season the Steelers claimed the final AFC wild card berth after winning three of the last five games. Offensively, the team finished with the exact same AFC rankings as the previous year, but it improved from 21st to 13th in NFL passing rankings. The defense jumped from eighth to first in AFC total defense rankings, and from 17th to third in NFL run defense.

In three seasons under Cowher, six Steelers have been chosen for the AFC Pro Bowl squad each year, the most in consecutive seasons since the 1978-79 NFL seasons.

Cowher began his coaching career in 1985 with the Cleveland Browns. At age 28, he was the league's second-youngest assistant coach. He served on Schottenheimer's staff as the Browns' special teams coach in 1985-86 and secondary coach in 1987-88. As secondary coach, Cowher saw his 1987 group make 23 interceptions to tie for third in the AFC, while in 1988 the Cleveland defense ranked fourth overall in the conference. The following year Cowher went with Schottenheimer to the Kansas City coaching staff.

In 1989, Cowher's first season as a 32-year-old defensive coordinator, the Kansas City defense led the AFC and ranked second in the NFL in total defense. The following year the unit led the league in three categories with 60 sacks, 25 fumbles recovered and 45 takeaways. In 1991 the Chiefs ranked third in the conference and fifth overall in the NFL en route to a 10-6 finish and a wild card playoff berth.

A former linebacker and special teams standout, Cowher enjoyed a five-year NFL playing career with the Browns (1980-82) and the Philadelphia Eagles (1983-84). He signed with Philadelphia in 1979 as an undrafted free agent rookie, but was the last linebacker waived in training camp after playing in three preseason games. The following year he signed with Cleveland and earned a roster spot, playing in all 16 games including two starts at inside linebacker.

Cowher sat out the 1981 campaign after suffering a season-ending knee injury in the third preseason game. Returning in 1982 as special teams captain, he started at outside linebacker in two games while playing in all nine contests.

Cowher was traded to Philadelphia prior to the start of the 1983 season (Aug. 21) for a ninth-round draft pick. He was selected the Eagles' most valuable special teams player that year and played in all 16 games. In 1984 a knee injury kept him out of all but four games and ended his career as a player. Cowher returned to Cleveland the following season and began his coaching career as a member of Schottenheimer's Browns staff.

Cowher grew up in the Crafton area west of Pittsburgh. He is a 1975 graduate of Carlynton High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track. He was selected honorable mention all-state in football as a senior before moving on to North Carolina State, where he earned four letters and was a three-year starter at linebacker. As a senior in 1978, Cowher was selected the team's captain as well as most valuable player after leading the defense in tackles for the second straight year. He also received the 1978 Cary Brewbaker Award as the school's outstanding defensive lineman as selected by the coaching staff. In 1979 Cowher was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in education.

William Laird Cowher was born in Pittsburgh on May 8, 1957. It was at North Carolina State that Cowher met his wife, Kaye. Also a graduate of North Carolina State, Kaye and her twin sister Faye played professional basketball for the New York Stars of the Women's Professional Basketball League. The Cowhers have three daughters — Meagan Lyn (9), Lauren Marie (7), and Lindsay Morgan (4).

BILL COWHER'S COACHING CAREER

Year	Team	Record	Position
1985	Cleveland Browns	8-8*	Special Teams Coach
1986	Cleveland Browns	12-4*	Special Teams Coach
1987	Cleveland Browns	10-5*	Secondary Coach
1988	Cleveland Browns	10-6*	Secondary Coach
1989	Kansas City Chiefs	8-7-1	Defensive Coordinator/ LBs Coach
1990	Kansas City Chiefs	11-5*	Defensive Coordinator/ LBs Coach
1991	Kansas City Chiefs	10-6*	Defensive Coordinator/ LBs Coach
1992	Pittsburgh Steelers	11-5*	Head Coach
1993	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-7*	Head Coach
1994	Pittsburgh Steelers	12-4*	Head Coach

*Team earned playoff berth

THE STEELERS UNDER COWHER

Regular Season

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Finish
1992	11	5	0	.688	AFC Central Champion
1993	9	7	0	.563	2nd, AFC Central (wild card)
1994	12	4	0	.750	AFC Central Champion
Totals	32	16	0	.667	

Post Season

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.	Finish
1992	0	1	.000	Lost in divisional round
1993	0	1	.000	Lost in wild card round
1994	1	1	.500	Lost in Championship game
Totals	1	2	.333	

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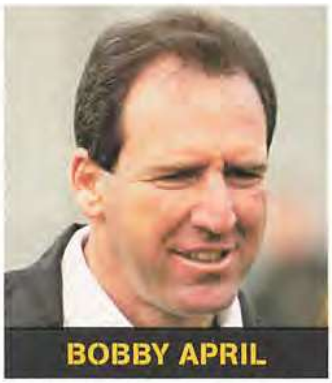


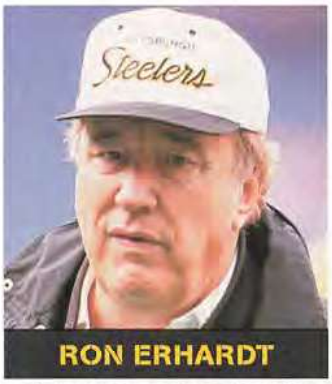
BOBBY APRIL

SPECIAL TEAMS COACH

Bobby April is in his second year as special teams coach, since joining the Steelers on January 24, 1994. Now in his fifth NFL season, April came to the Steelers following three seasons as special teams/tight ends coach for the Atlanta Falcons. April, 42, is in his 20th year in coaching including 12 at the college level.

April attended Nicholls State, where he played defensive end and linebacker from 1972-75 and graduated in 1976 with a degree in physical education. He later earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Southern Mississippi in 1983.

Bobby was born on April 15, 1953 in New Orleans and grew up in Chalmette, Louisiana. He and his wife Charlene have five children — son Bobby (13) and daughters Julie (12), Jamie Lee (9), Angela (6) and Jaclyn (3).



RON ERHARDT

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Ron Erhardt is in his 39th year of coaching and his fourth as the Steelers' offensive coordinator. He came to the Steelers after ten years with the New York Giants.

Erhardt's 38-year coaching career has included two Super Bowl wins, two College Division national championships and a high school state championship.

Erhardt, 64, was an all-conference quarterback for Jamestown College in North Dakota. He graduated in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in business and physical education.

After college Erhardt served three years in the military. He received his master's degree in physical education and science from Colorado in 1963.

Ron was born on February 27, 1931 in Mandan, North Dakota. He and his wife Anita have four children — Jan, Rob, Jim, and Jill.

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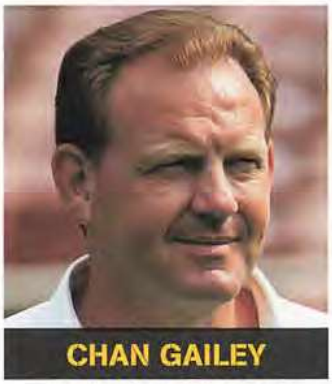


CHAN GAILEY

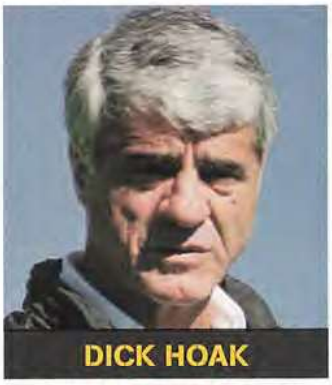
WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Chan Gailey is in his second season as the Steelers' wide receivers coach, his eighth in the NFL and his 20th year in coaching. He joined the Steelers on January 24, 1994 following one season as head coach at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama in 1993.

Gailey, 43, spent six seasons as an assistant coach with the Denver Broncos (1985-90). During Gailey's tenure the Broncos won three AFC Championships and played in Super Bowls XXI, XXII and XXIV. Gailey also served as head coach of the World League's Birmingham Fire in 1991 and 1992, where his team earned a playoff berth in both years.

Gailey played quarterback for Florida from 1970-73 and received a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1974.

Chan was born in Gainesville, Georgia on January 5, 1952. He and his wife Laurie have two sons, Tate (19) and Andrew (15).



DICK HOAK

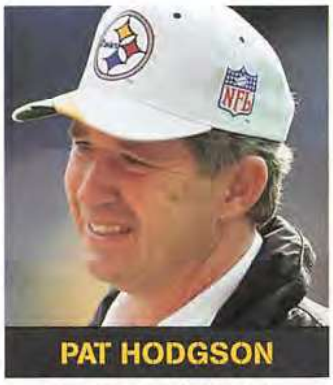
RUNNING BACKS COACH

Dick Hoak, the longest tenured coach in Steelers' history, is in his 34th year with the Steelers and his 24th consecutive as a Steelers assistant coach. He served as offensive backfield coach for 20 seasons under Chuck Noll before being named running backs coach by Bill Cowher on January 27, 1992 as the only coach retained from the previous Steelers staff.

The Steelers' seventh round choice out of Penn State in 1961, Hoak spent 10 seasons in the Pittsburgh backfield. He led the Steelers in rushing three times and played in one Pro Bowl (1969).

As a standout running back and quarterback for Penn State from 1958-1960, Hoak was named his team's MVP as a senior. He graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in social studies.

Dick was born on December 8, 1939 in Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Lynn have three children — daughters Kelly and Katie and son Richard. The Hoaks live in Greensburg.



PAT HODGSON

TIGHT ENDS COACH

Pat Hodgson is in his fourth year of coaching the Steelers' tight ends since joining the staff on February 3, 1992. He is in his 25th year of coaching and his 14th in the NFL.

A former NFL tight end himself, Hodgson spent two years as a player with the Washington Redskins (1966) and Minnesota Vikings (1967).

Hodgson, 51, played tight end from 1963-65 at Georgia, where he was the team MVP, co-captain, and honorable mention all-America in 1965. An All-SEC selection in 1963 and 1965, Hodgson graduated with a B.B.A. degree in general business in 1966.

Pat was born on January 30, 1944 in Columbus, Georgia. He and his wife Mary Ann have two sons — Pat, Jr. and Chris.

DICK LeBEAU

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Dick LeBeau was named defensive coordinator January 25 of this year, after spending the previous three seasons coaching the defensive backs. He is in his 37th NFL season and his 23rd in coaching. LeBeau joined the Steelers February 7, 1992 following 12 years with the Cincinnati Bengals, the last eight as defensive coordinator.

LeBeau spent his first 14 NFL seasons as a cornerback for the Detroit Lions. He played in 171 consecutive games for the Lions from 1959-72 and was voted to three Pro Bowls. LeBeau's 62 career interceptions ranked third in NFL history at the time of his retirement.

LeBeau, 57, attended Ohio State, where he played offensive and defensive back. He was a member of the Buckeyes' 1957 national champion team and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Dick was born on September 9, 1937 in London, Ohio. He and his wife Nancy have one son, Brandon Grant.

MARVIN LEWIS

LINEBACKERS COACH

Marvin Lewis is in his fourth season as the Steelers' linebackers coach since being named to the position on February 6, 1992. This is his 15th season in coaching including 11 years at the college level.

The 36-year-old Lewis is a native of nearby McDonald, Pennsylvania. After graduating from McDonald's Fort Cherry High, where he was an all-conference quarterback and safety, Lewis went west to Idaho State.

Lewis earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in 1978, 1979, and 1980 as a linebacker and also played quarterback and free safety during his college career.

Lewis received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Idaho State in 1981. In 1982 he received his master's in athletic administration.

Marvin was born on September 23, 1958 in McDonald, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Peggy have two children — daughter Whitney and son Marcus.

TIM LEWIS

DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH

Tim Lewis, a former University of Pittsburgh standout, enters his first season as the Steelers' defensive backs coach. He joined the Steelers on February 7 of this year.

Lewis was selected 11th overall in the 1983 draft by the Green Bay Packers. He played 52 games and averaged an interception every three outings before suffering a career-ending neck injury in the fourth game of the 1986 season.

Lewis ended his career with 16 thefts, including a 99-yard interception return for a touchdown that was a Packers' team record.

A native of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, Lewis was a starting cornerback for the Panthers in 1981 and 1982. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from University of Pittsburgh in 1983.

Tim was born on December 18, 1961 in Quakertown. He resides in North Hills.

JOHN MITCHELL

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

John Mitchell joined the Steelers as defensive line coach on January 31, 1994, following three seasons coaching the defensive line for the Cleveland Browns. Mitchell is in his 23rd season of coaching including 15 years at the college level and two in the United States Football League. This is his fifth season as an NFL coach.

A former all-America defensive end for Alabama, Mitchell's early years in coaching were spent working under Paul "Bear" Bryant and Lou Holtz.

Mitchell played defensive end and was a two-time Junior College All-America at Eastern Arizona Junior College in 1969-70. He then transferred and played at Alabama from 1971-72.

Mitchell was named All-America in 1972, the year he graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work.

John was born October 14, 1951 in Mobile, Alabama. He and his wife Joyce live in Pittsburgh.

KENT STEPHENSON

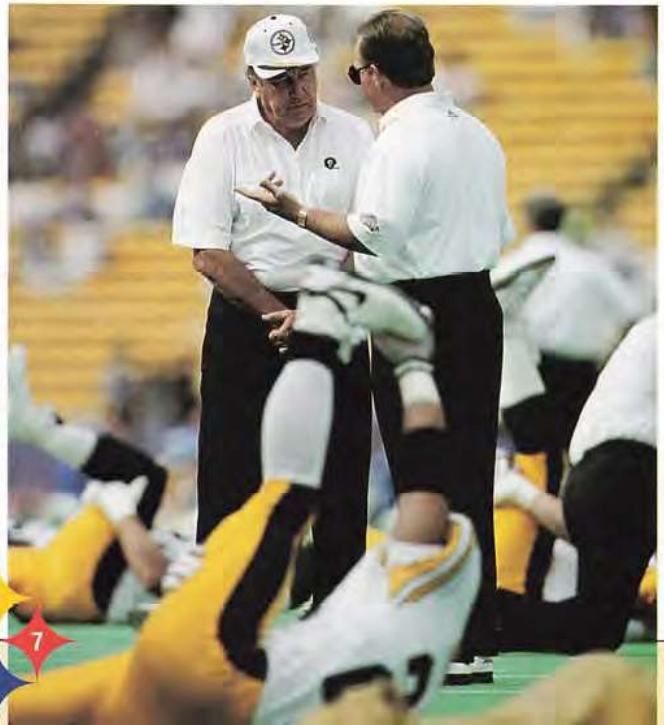
OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Kent Stephenson enters his 31st season of coaching, his 11th in the NFL and his fourth with the Steelers. He was named offensive line coach on February 7, 1992 following seven years in the same capacity with the Seattle Seahawks.

Stephenson's coaching career began in 1965 and includes 18 years at the college level and two in the United States Football League prior to his entering the NFL in 1985 with Seattle.

Stephenson was an all-conference selection as an offensive and defensive lineman at Northern Iowa. He graduated with a degree in history and physical education in 1965, and received his master's degree in education from Wayne State in 1966.

Kent was born on February 4, 1942 in Anita, Iowa. He and his wife Shirley have two children — daughter Heidi and son Kyle.



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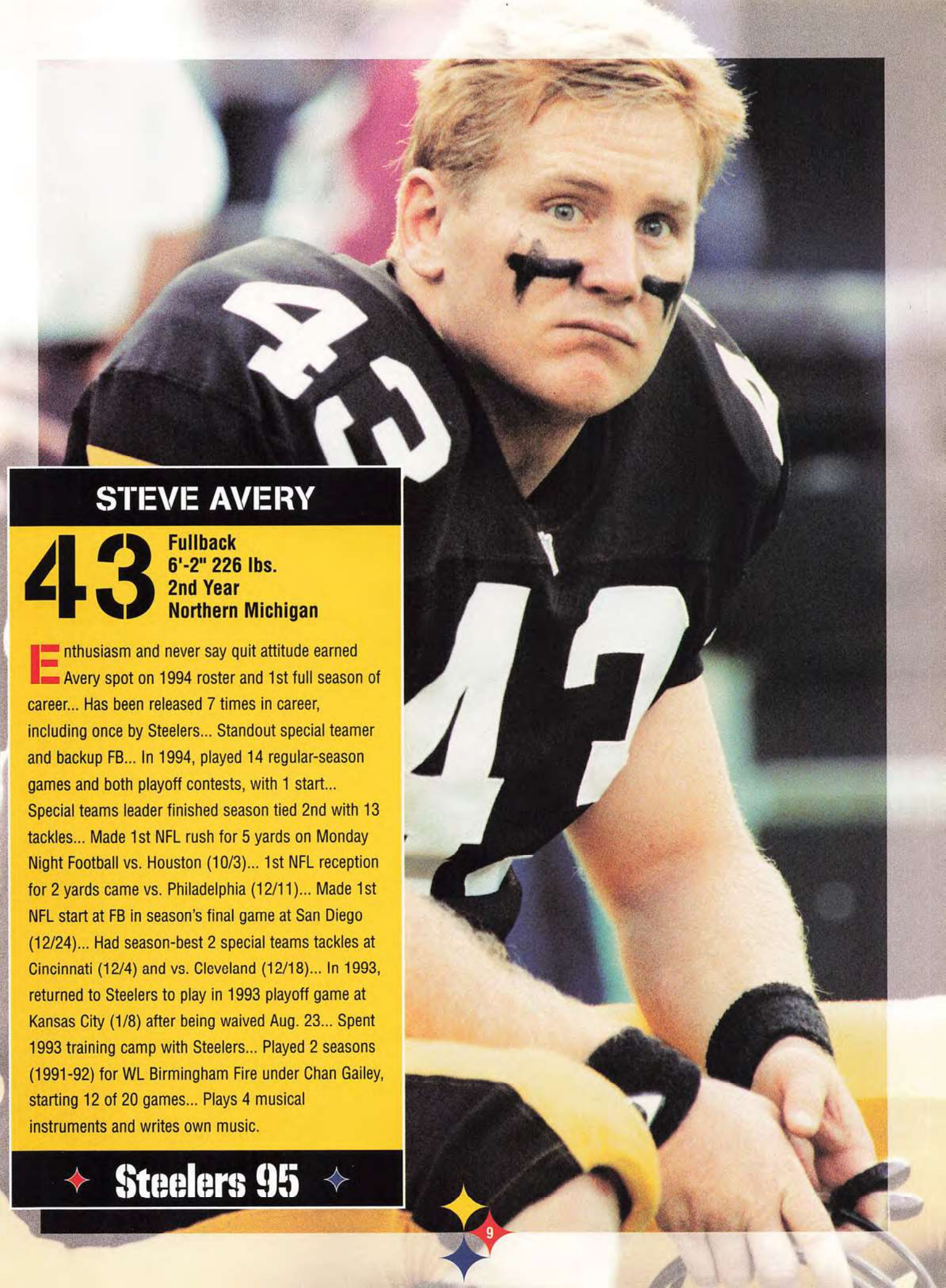
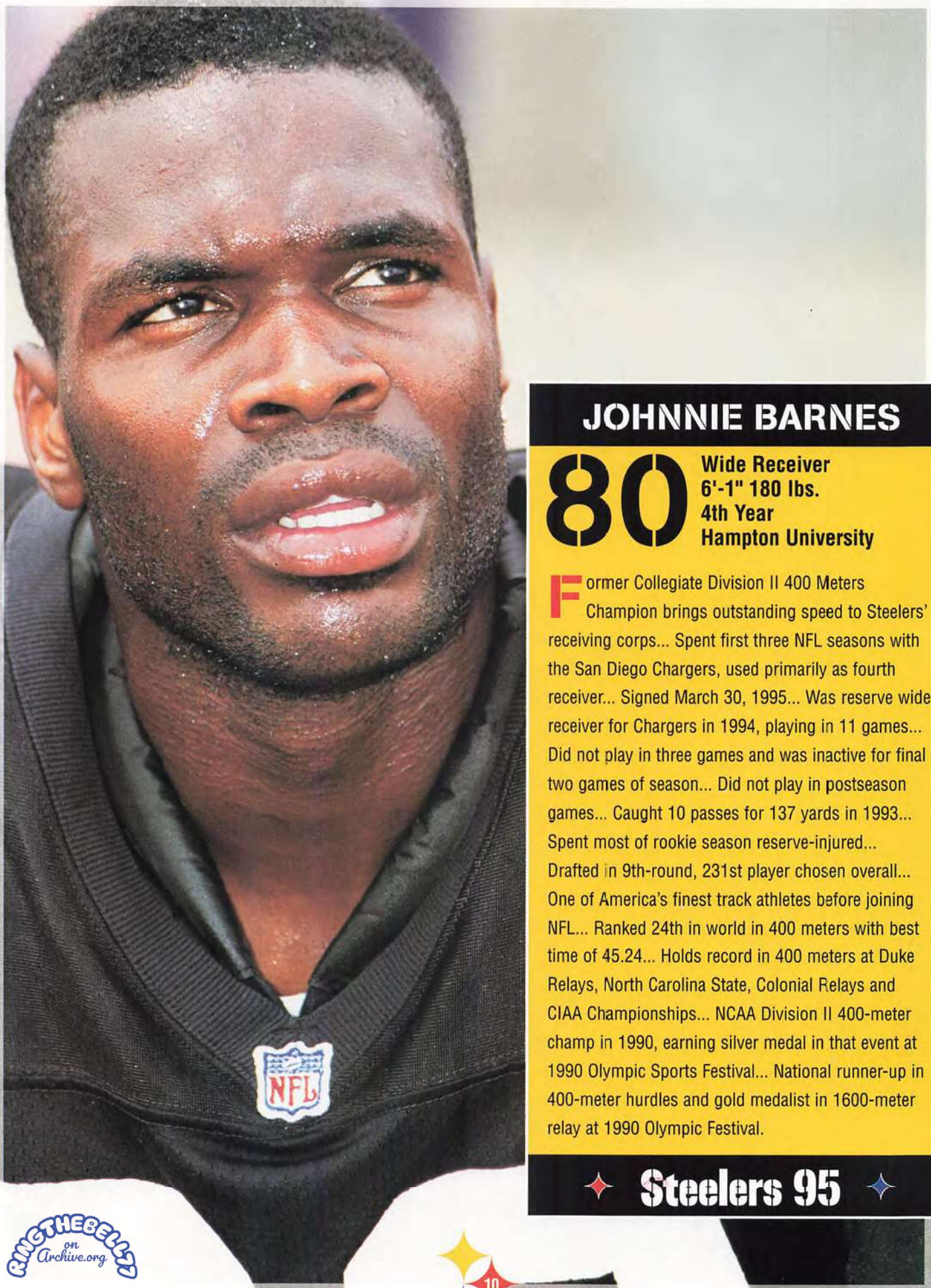


STEVE AVERY

43

Fullback
6'-2" 226 lbs.
2nd Year
Northern Michigan

Enthusiasm and never say quit attitude earned Avery spot on 1994 roster and 1st full season of career... Has been released 7 times in career, including once by Steelers... Standout special teamer and backup FB... In 1994, played 14 regular-season games and both playoff contests, with 1 start... Special teams leader finished season tied 2nd with 13 tackles... Made 1st NFL rush for 5 yards on Monday Night Football vs. Houston (10/3)... 1st NFL reception for 2 yards came vs. Philadelphia (12/11)... Made 1st NFL start at FB in season's final game at San Diego (12/24)... Had season-best 2 special teams tackles at Cincinnati (12/4) and vs. Cleveland (12/18)... In 1993, returned to Steelers to play in 1993 playoff game at Kansas City (1/8) after being waived Aug. 23... Spent 1993 training camp with Steelers... Played 2 seasons (1991-92) for WL Birmingham Fire under Chan Gailey, starting 12 of 20 games... Plays 4 musical instruments and writes own music.



JOHNNIE BARNES

80

Wide Receiver
6'-1" 180 lbs.
4th Year
Hampton University

Former Collegiate Division II 400 Meters Champion brings outstanding speed to Steelers' receiving corps... Spent first three NFL seasons with the San Diego Chargers, used primarily as fourth receiver... Signed March 30, 1995... Was reserve wide receiver for Chargers in 1994, playing in 11 games... Did not play in three games and was inactive for final two games of season... Did not play in postseason games... Caught 10 passes for 137 yards in 1993... Spent most of rookie season reserve-injured... Drafted in 9th-round, 231st player chosen overall... One of America's finest track athletes before joining NFL... Ranked 24th in world in 400 meters with best time of 45.24... Holds record in 400 meters at Duke Relays, North Carolina State, Colonial Relays and CIAA Championships... NCAA Division II 400-meter champ in 1990, earning silver medal in that event at 1990 Olympic Sports Festival... National runner-up in 400-meter hurdles and gold medalist in 1600-meter relay at 1990 Olympic Festival.

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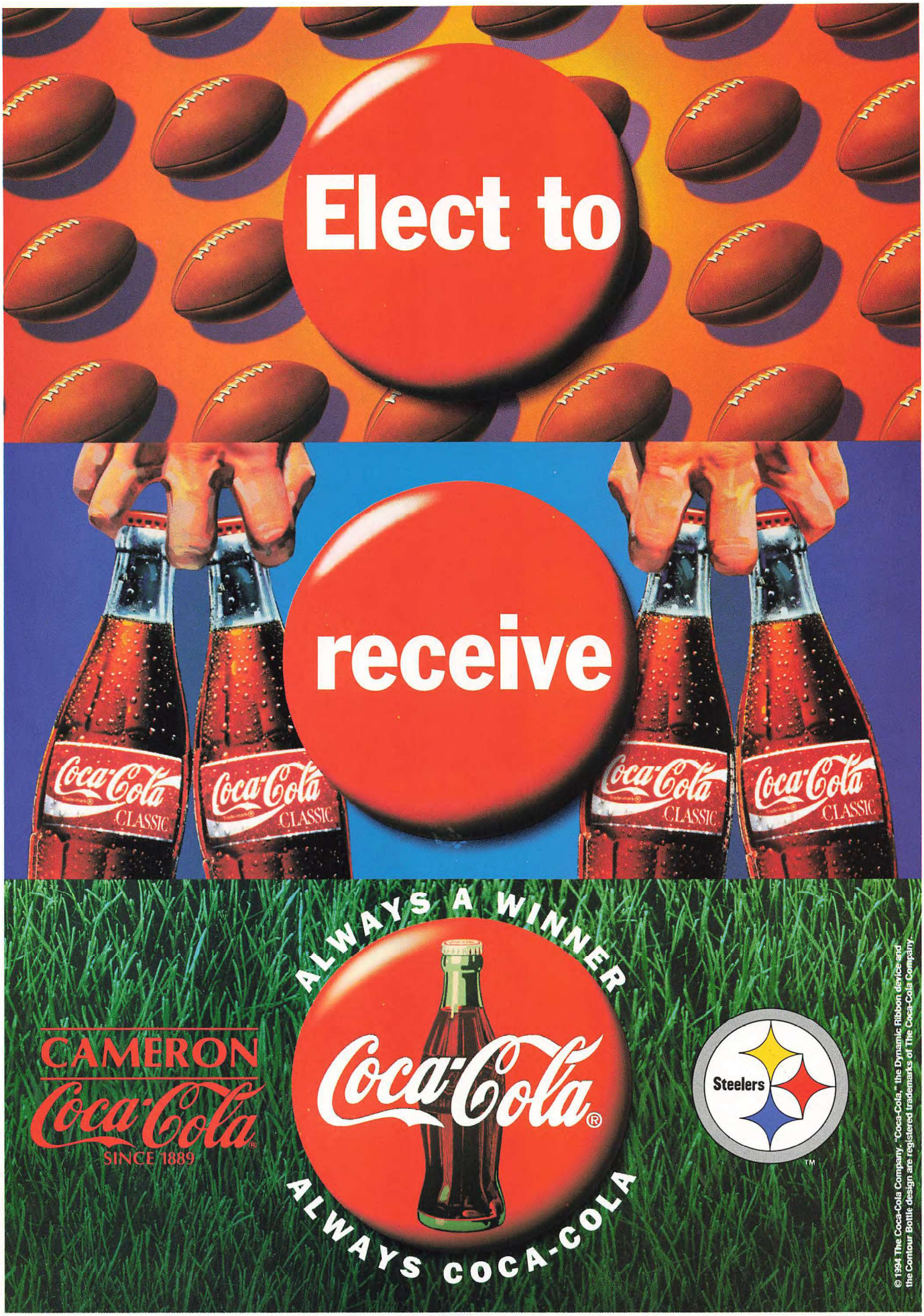
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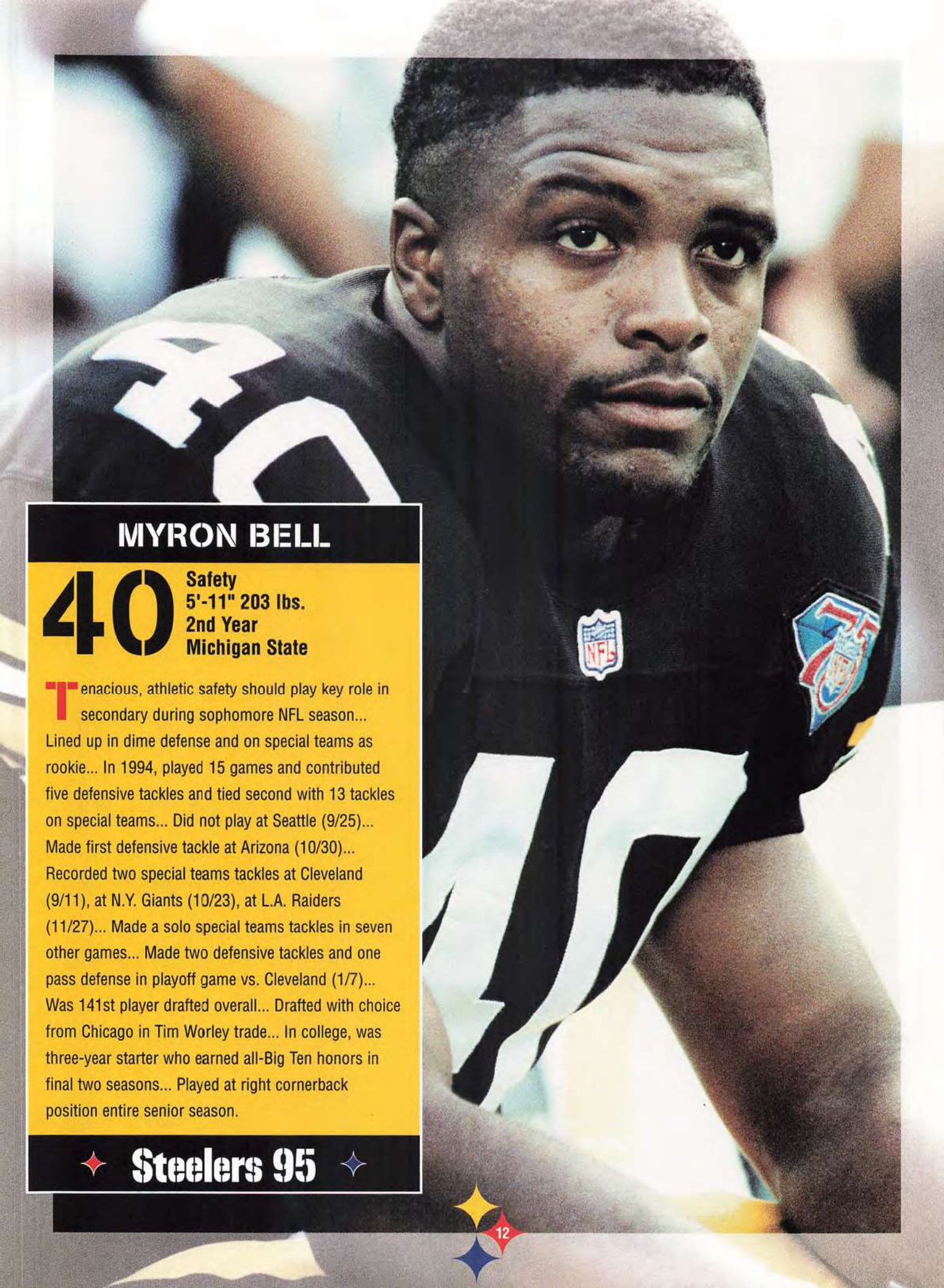

MYRON BELL

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Safety
5'-11" 203 lbs.
2nd Year
Michigan State

Tenacious, athletic safety should play key role in secondary during sophomore NFL season... Lined up in dime defense and on special teams as rookie... In 1994, played 15 games and contributed five defensive tackles and tied second with 13 tackles on special teams... Did not play at Seattle (9/25)... Made first defensive tackle at Arizona (10/30)... Recorded two special teams tackles at Cleveland (9/11), at N.Y. Giants (10/23), at L.A. Raiders (11/27)... Made a solo special teams tackles in seven other games... Made two defensive tackles and one pass defense in playoff game vs. Cleveland (1/7)... Was 141st player drafted overall... Drafted with choice from Chicago in Tim Worley trade... In college, was three-year starter who earned all-Big Ten honors in final two seasons... Played at right cornerback position entire senior season.

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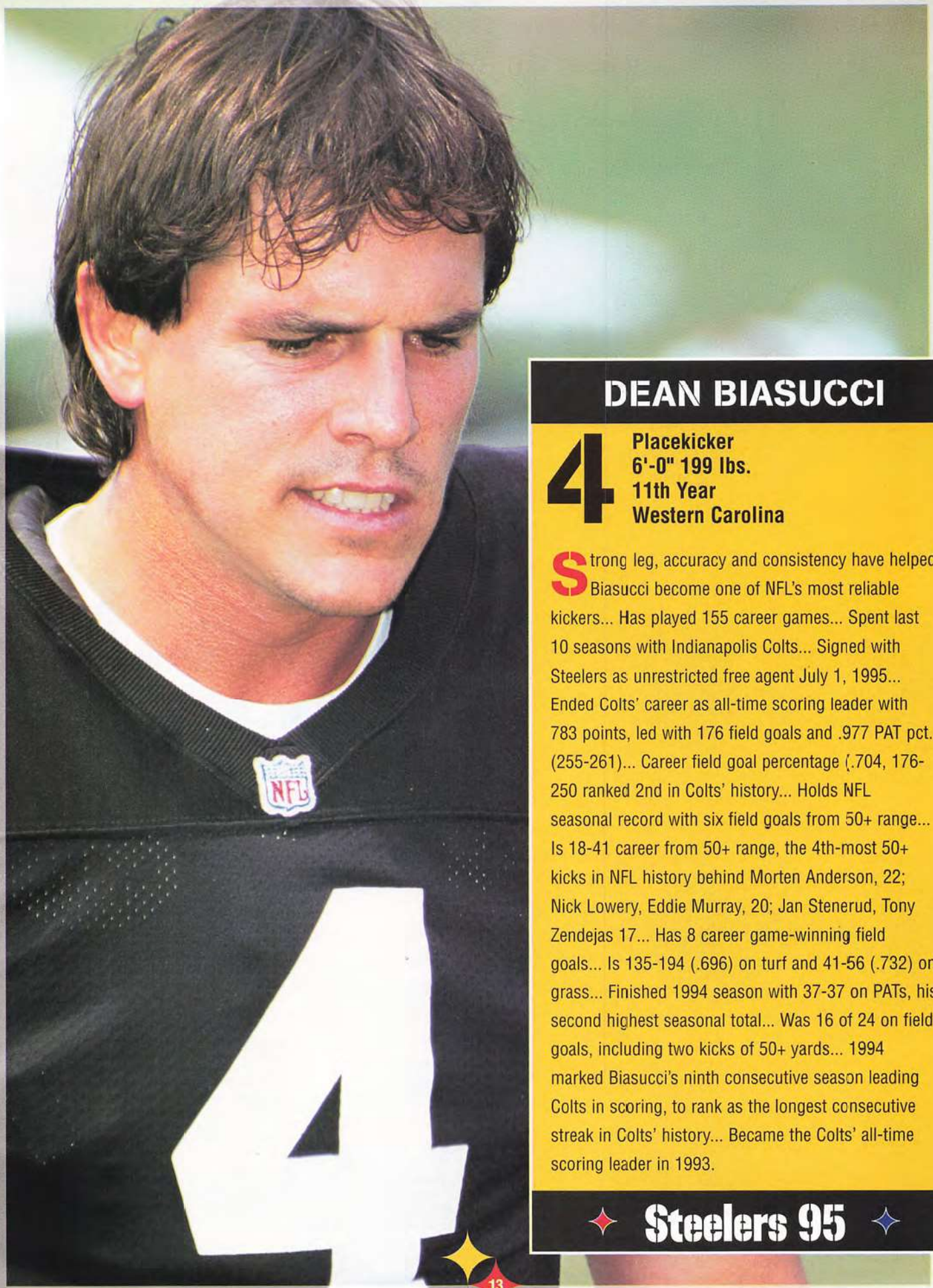

DEAN BIASUCCI

4

Placekicker
6'-0" 199 lbs.
11th Year
Western Carolina

Strong leg, accuracy and consistency have helped Biasucci become one of NFL's most reliable kickers... Has played 155 career games... Spent last 10 seasons with Indianapolis Colts... Signed with Steelers as unrestricted free agent July 1, 1995... Ended Colts' career as all-time scoring leader with 783 points, led with 176 field goals and .977 PAT pct. (255-261)... Career field goal percentage (.704, 176-250 ranked 2nd in Colts' history... Holds NFL seasonal record with six field goals from 50+ range... Is 18-41 career from 50+ range, the 4th-most 50+ kicks in NFL history behind Morten Anderson, 22; Nick Lowery, Eddie Murray, 20; Jan Stenerud, Tony Zendejas 17... Has 8 career game-winning field goals... Is 135-194 (.696) on turf and 41-56 (.732) on grass... Finished 1994 season with 37-37 on PATs, his second highest seasonal total... Was 16 of 24 on field goals, including two kicks of 50+ yards... 1994 marked Biasucci's ninth consecutive season leading Colts in scoring, to rank as the longest consecutive streak in Colts' history... Became the Colts' all-time scoring leader in 1993.

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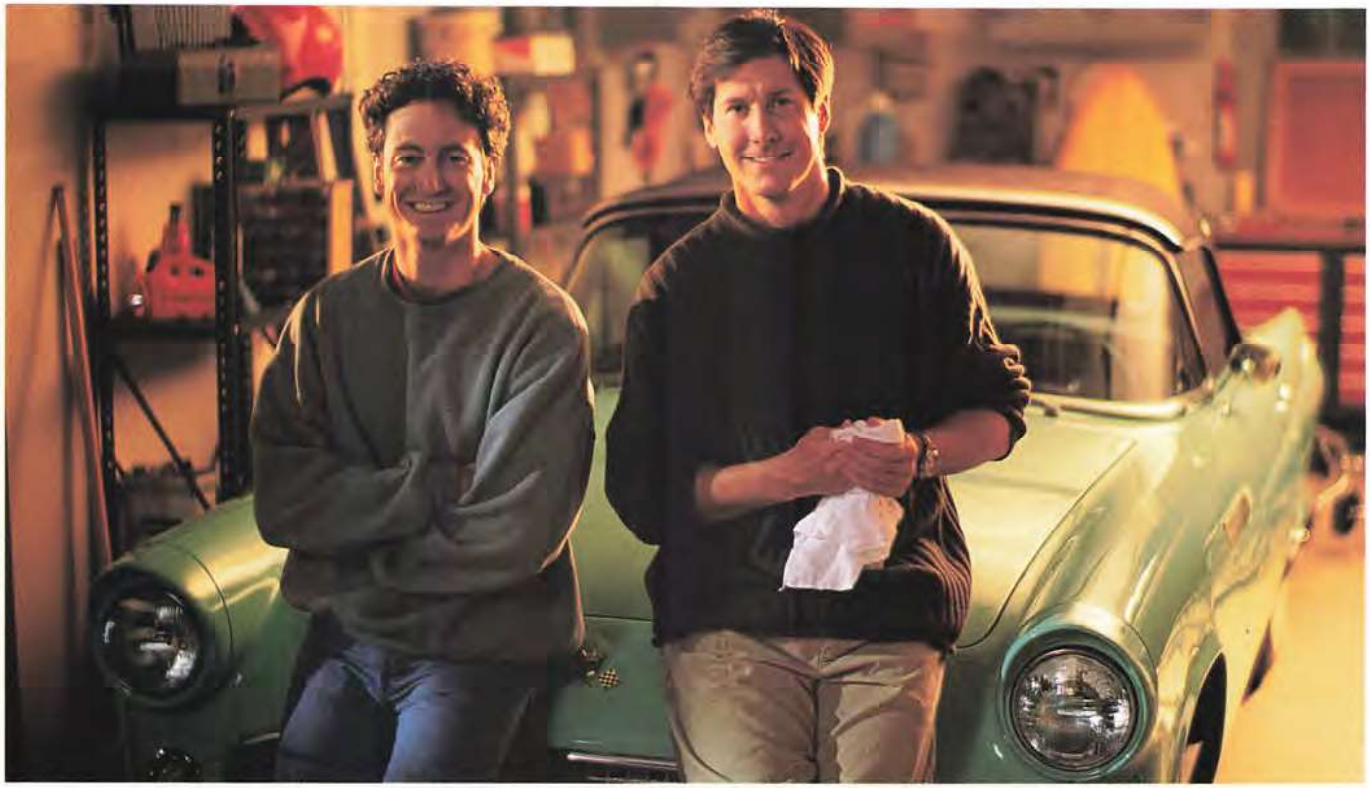

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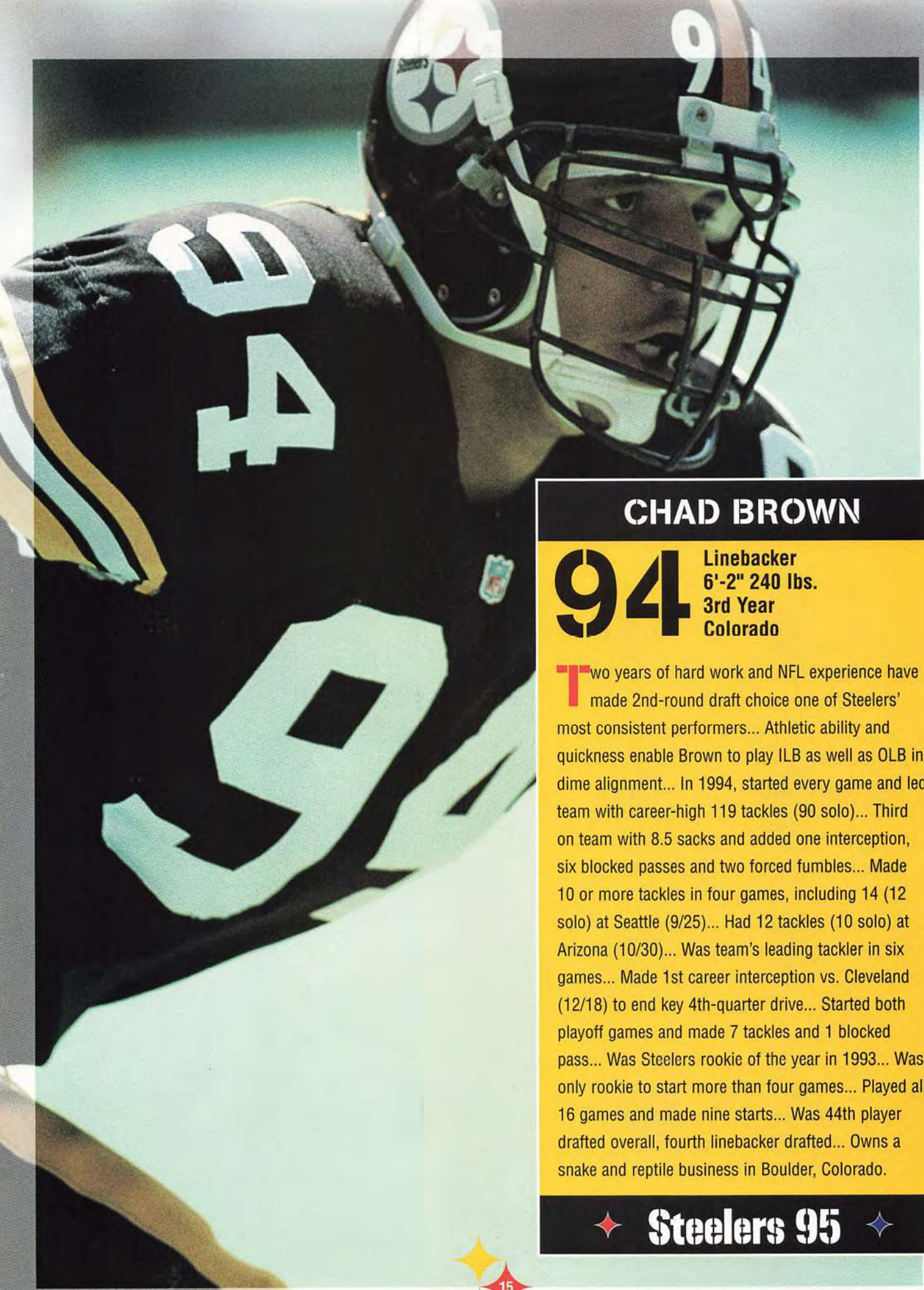
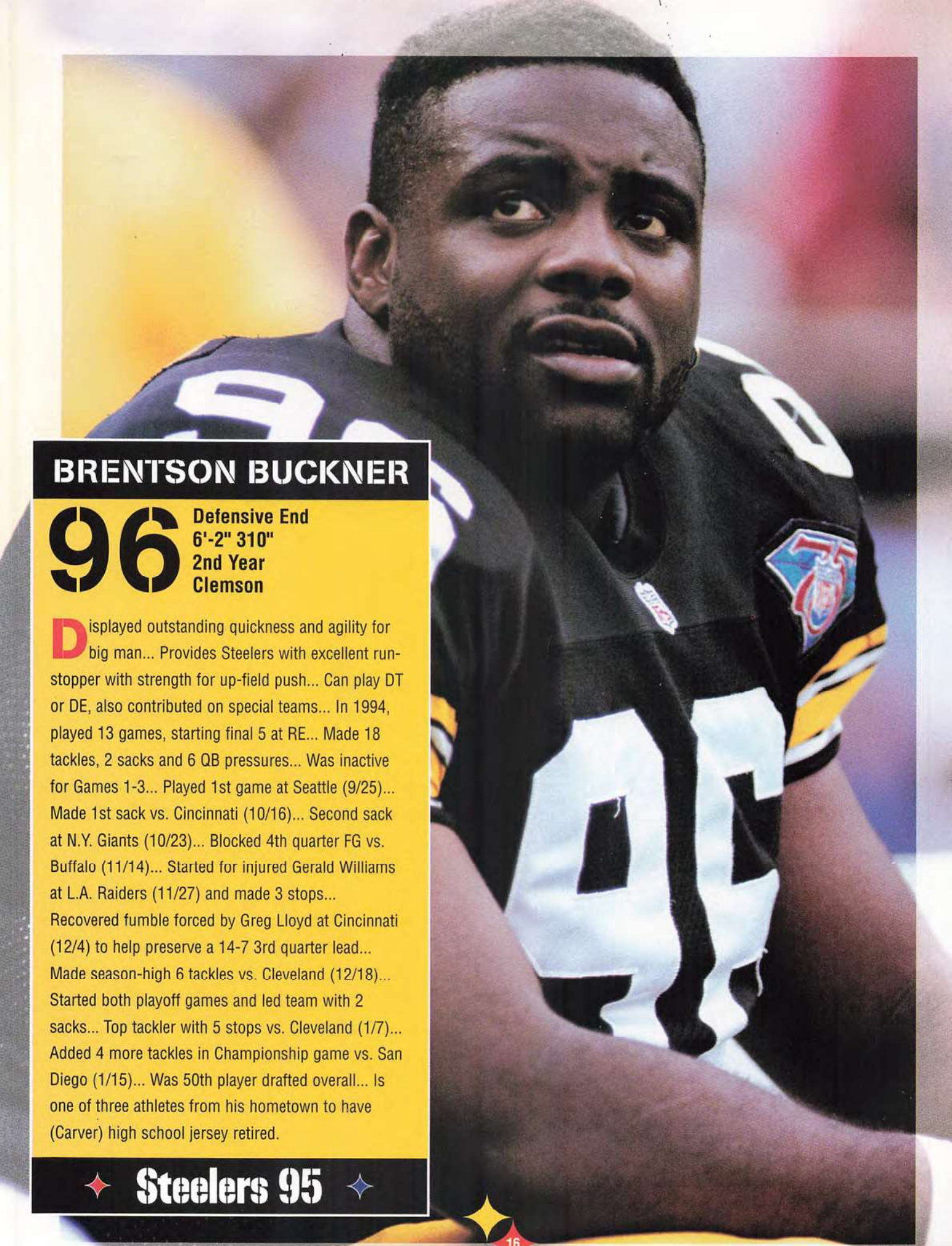


CHAD BROWN

94

Linebacker
6'-2" 240 lbs.
3rd Year
Colorado

Two years of hard work and NFL experience have made 2nd-round draft choice one of Steelers' most consistent performers... Athletic ability and quickness enable Brown to play ILB as well as OLB in dime alignment... In 1994, started every game and led team with career-high 119 tackles (90 solo)... Third on team with 8.5 sacks and added one interception, six blocked passes and two forced fumbles... Made 10 or more tackles in four games, including 14 (12 solo) at Seattle (9/25)... Had 12 tackles (10 solo) at Arizona (10/30)... Was team's leading tackler in six games... Made 1st career interception vs. Cleveland (12/18) to end key 4th-quarter drive... Started both playoff games and made 7 tackles and 1 blocked pass... Was Steelers rookie of the year in 1993... Was only rookie to start more than four games... Played all 16 games and made nine starts... Was 44th player drafted overall, fourth linebacker drafted... Owns a snake and reptile business in Boulder, Colorado.

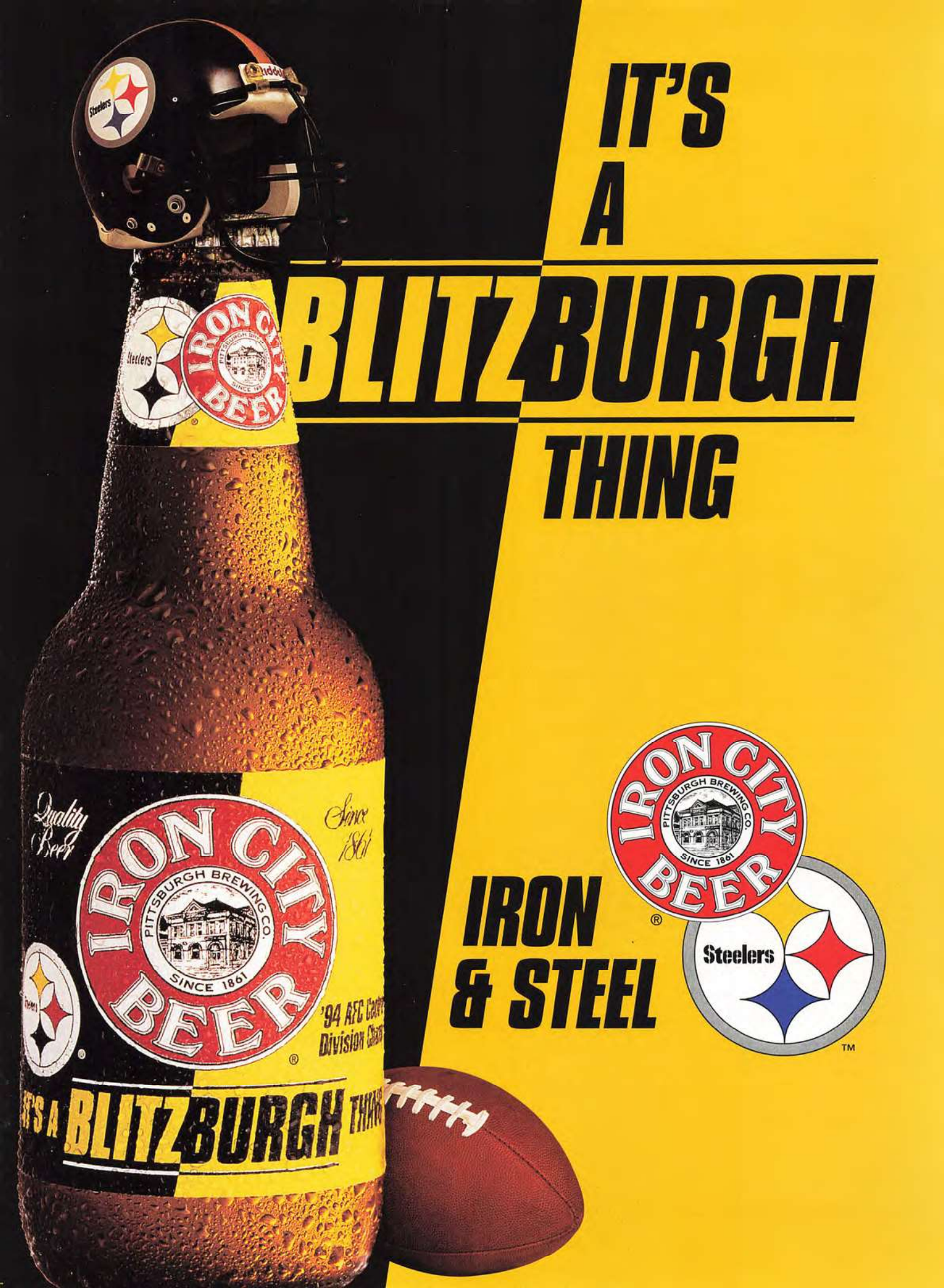


BRENTSON BUCKNER

96

Defensive End
6'-2" 310"
2nd Year
Clemson

Displayed outstanding quickness and agility for big man... Provides Steelers with excellent run-stopper with strength for up-field push... Can play DT or DE, also contributed on special teams... In 1994, played 13 games, starting final 5 at RE... Made 18 tackles, 2 sacks and 6 QB pressures... Was inactive for Games 1-3... Played 1st game at Seattle (9/25)... Made 1st sack vs. Cincinnati (10/16)... Second sack at N.Y. Giants (10/23)... Blocked 4th quarter FG vs. Buffalo (11/14)... Started for injured Gerald Williams at L.A. Raiders (11/27) and made 3 stops... Recovered fumble forced by Greg Lloyd at Cincinnati (12/4) to help preserve a 14-7 3rd quarter lead... Made season-high 6 tackles vs. Cleveland (12/18)... Started both playoff games and led team with 2 sacks... Top tackler with 5 stops vs. Cleveland (1/7)... Added 4 more tackles in Championship game vs. San Diego (1/15)... Was 50th player drafted overall... Is one of three athletes from his hometown to have (Carver) high school jersey retired.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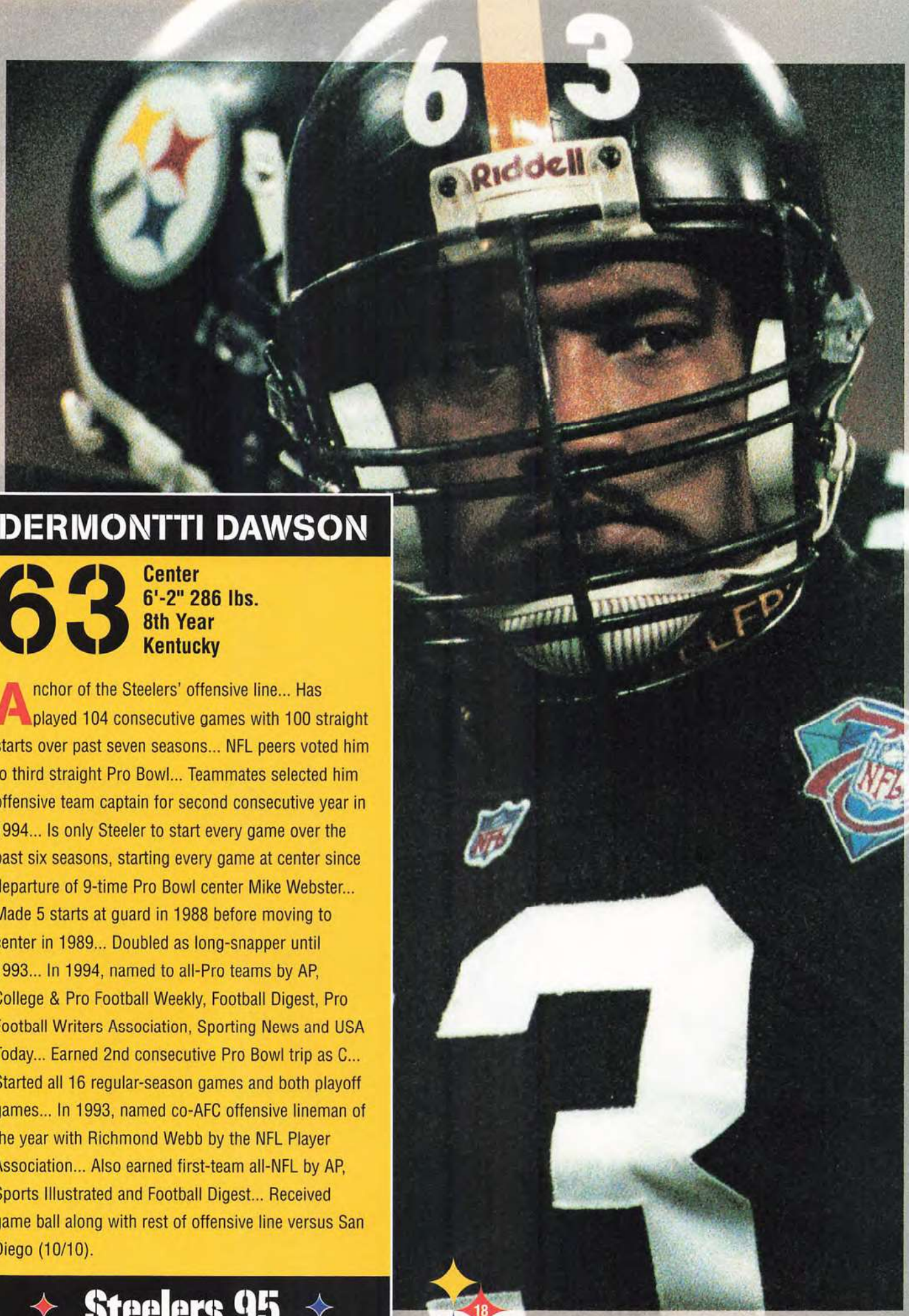
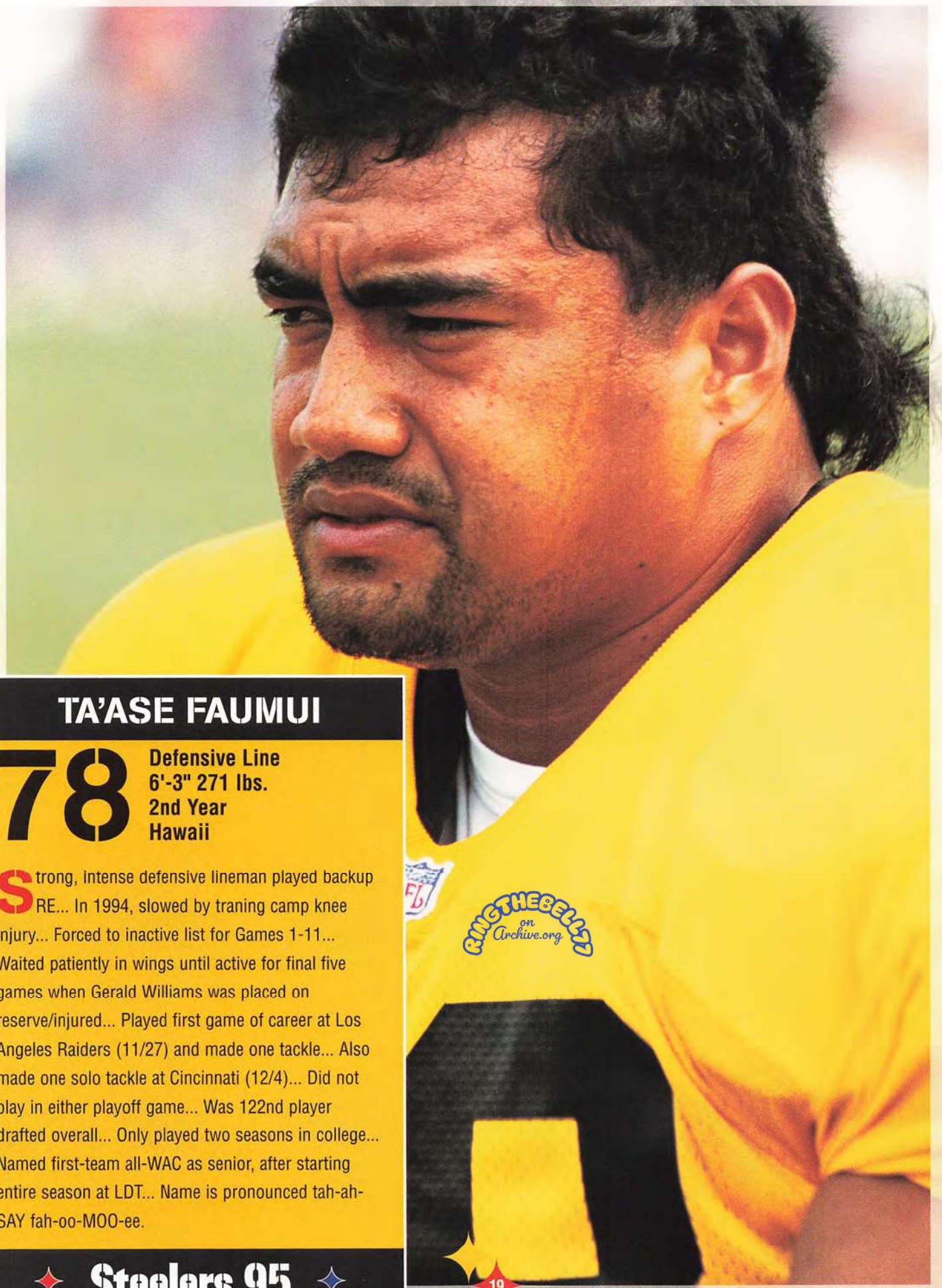


DERMONTTI DAWSON

63

Center
6'-2" 286 lbs.
8th Year
Kentucky

Anchor of the Steelers' offensive line... Has played 104 consecutive games with 100 straight starts over past seven seasons... NFL peers voted him to third straight Pro Bowl... Teammates selected him offensive team captain for second consecutive year in 1994... Is only Steeler to start every game over the past six seasons, starting every game at center since departure of 9-time Pro Bowl center Mike Webster... Made 5 starts at guard in 1988 before moving to center in 1989... Doubled as long-snapper until 1993... In 1994, named to all-Pro teams by AP, College & Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, Pro Football Writers Association, Sporting News and USA Today... Earned 2nd consecutive Pro Bowl trip as C... Started all 16 regular-season games and both playoff games... In 1993, named co-AFC offensive lineman of the year with Richmond Webb by the NFL Player Association... Also earned first-team all-NFL by AP, Sports Illustrated and Football Digest... Received game ball along with rest of offensive line versus San Diego (10/10).



TA'ASE FAUMUI

78

Defensive Line
6'-3" 271 lbs.
2nd Year
Hawaii

Strong, intense defensive lineman played backup RE... In 1994, slowed by traning camp knee injury... Forced to inactive list for Games 1-11... Waited patiently in wings until active for final five games when Gerald Williams was placed on reserve/injured... Played first game of career at Los Angeles Raiders (11/27) and made one tackle... Also made one solo tackle at Cincinnati (12/4)... Did not play in either playoff game... Was 122nd player drafted overall... Only played two seasons in college... Named first-team all-WAC as senior, after starting entire season at LDT... Name is pronounced tah-ah-SAY fah-oo-MOO-ee.

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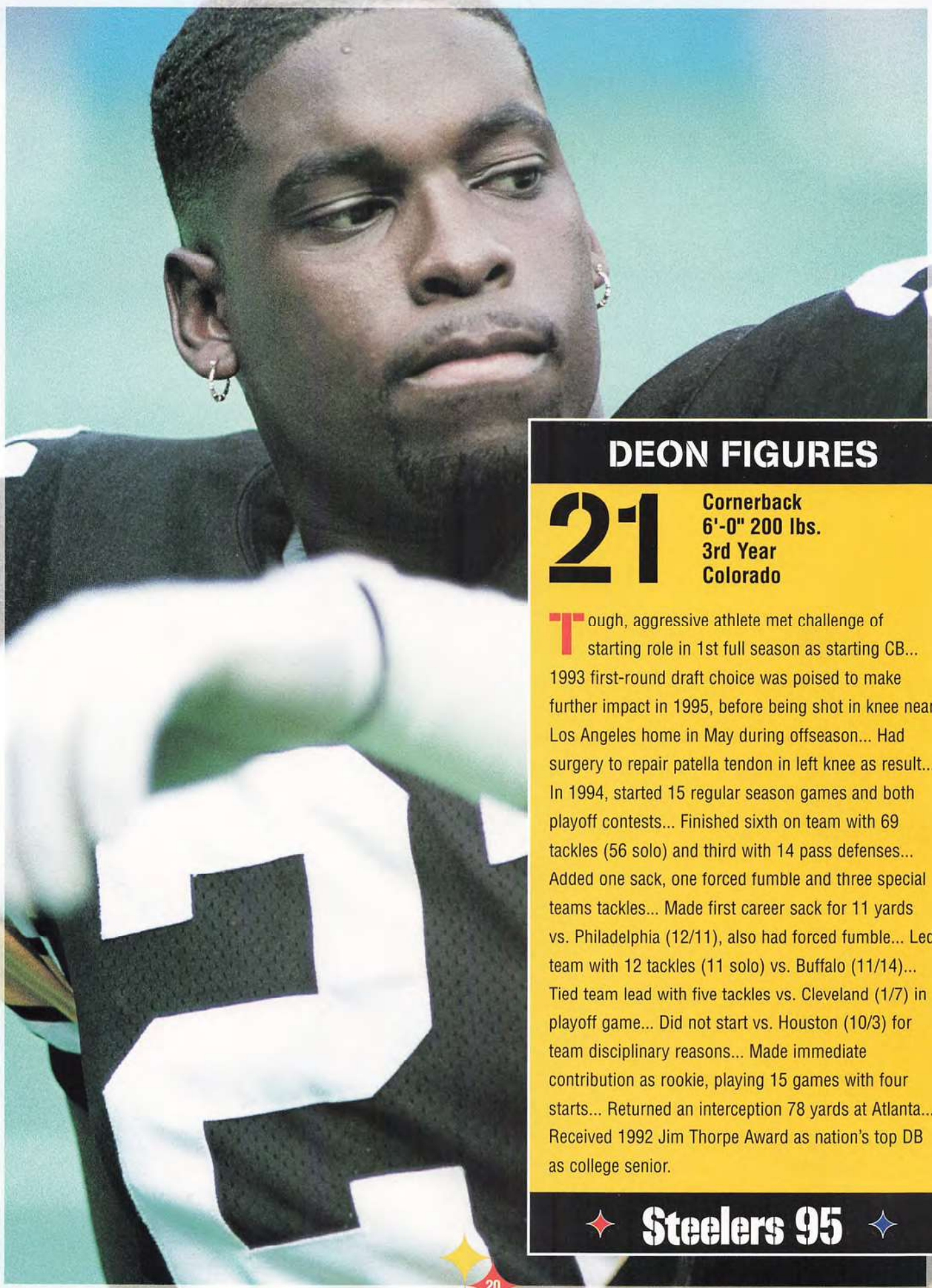

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21

Cornerback
6'-0" 200 lbs.
3rd Year
Colorado

Tough, aggressive athlete met challenge of starting role in 1st full season as starting CB... 1993 first-round draft choice was poised to make further impact in 1995, before being shot in knee near Los Angeles home in May during offseason... Had surgery to repair patella tendon in left knee as result... In 1994, started 15 regular season games and both playoff contests... Finished sixth on team with 69 tackles (56 solo) and third with 14 pass defenses... Added one sack, one forced fumble and three special teams tackles... Made first career sack for 11 yards vs. Philadelphia (12/11), also had forced fumble... Led team with 12 tackles (11 solo) vs. Buffalo (11/14)... Tied team lead with five tackles vs. Cleveland (1/7) in playoff game... Did not start vs. Houston (10/3) for team disciplinary reasons... Made immediate contribution as rookie, playing 15 games with four starts... Returned an interception 78 yards at Atlanta... Received 1992 Jim Thorpe Award as nation's top DB as college senior.

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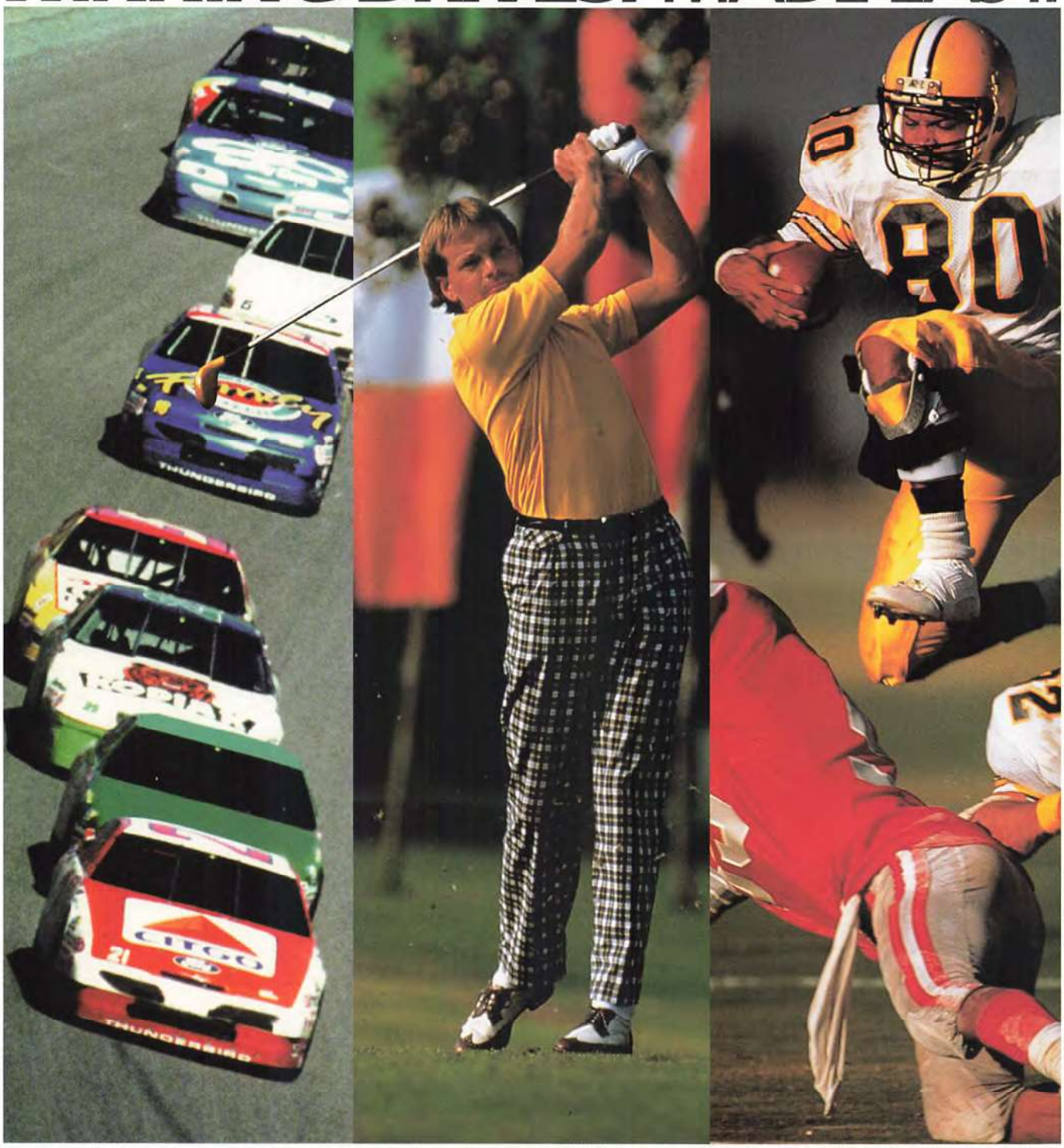

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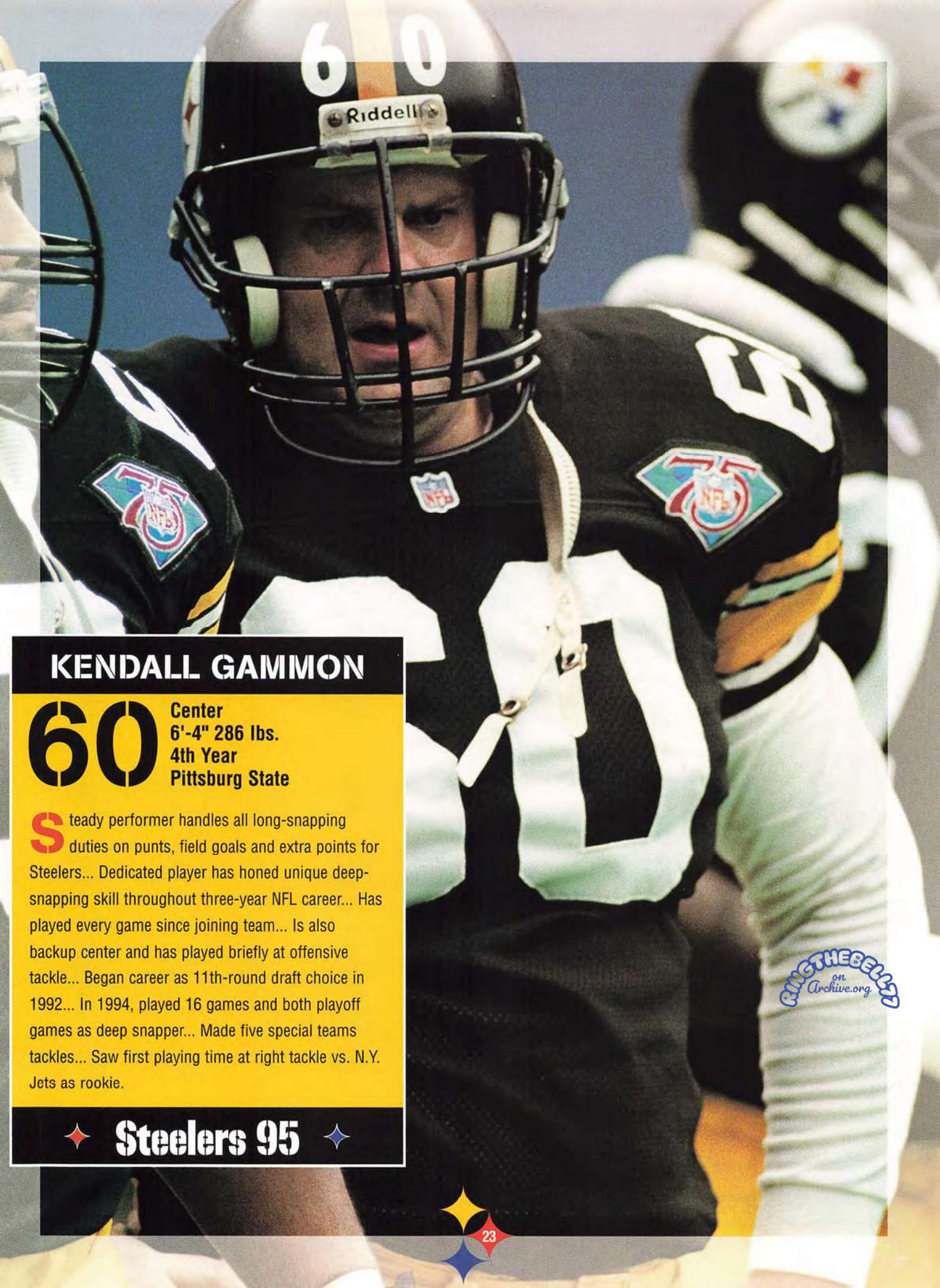

KENDALL GAMMON

60

Center
6'-4" 286 lbs.
4th Year
Pittsburg State

Steady performer handles all long-snapping duties on punts, field goals and extra points for Steelers... Dedicated player has honed unique deep-snapping skill throughout three-year NFL career... Has played every game since joining team... Is also backup center and has played briefly at offensive tackle... Began career as 11th-round draft choice in 1992... In 1994, played 16 games and both playoff games as deep snapper... Made five special teams tackles... Saw first playing time at right tackle vs. N.Y. Jets as rookie.

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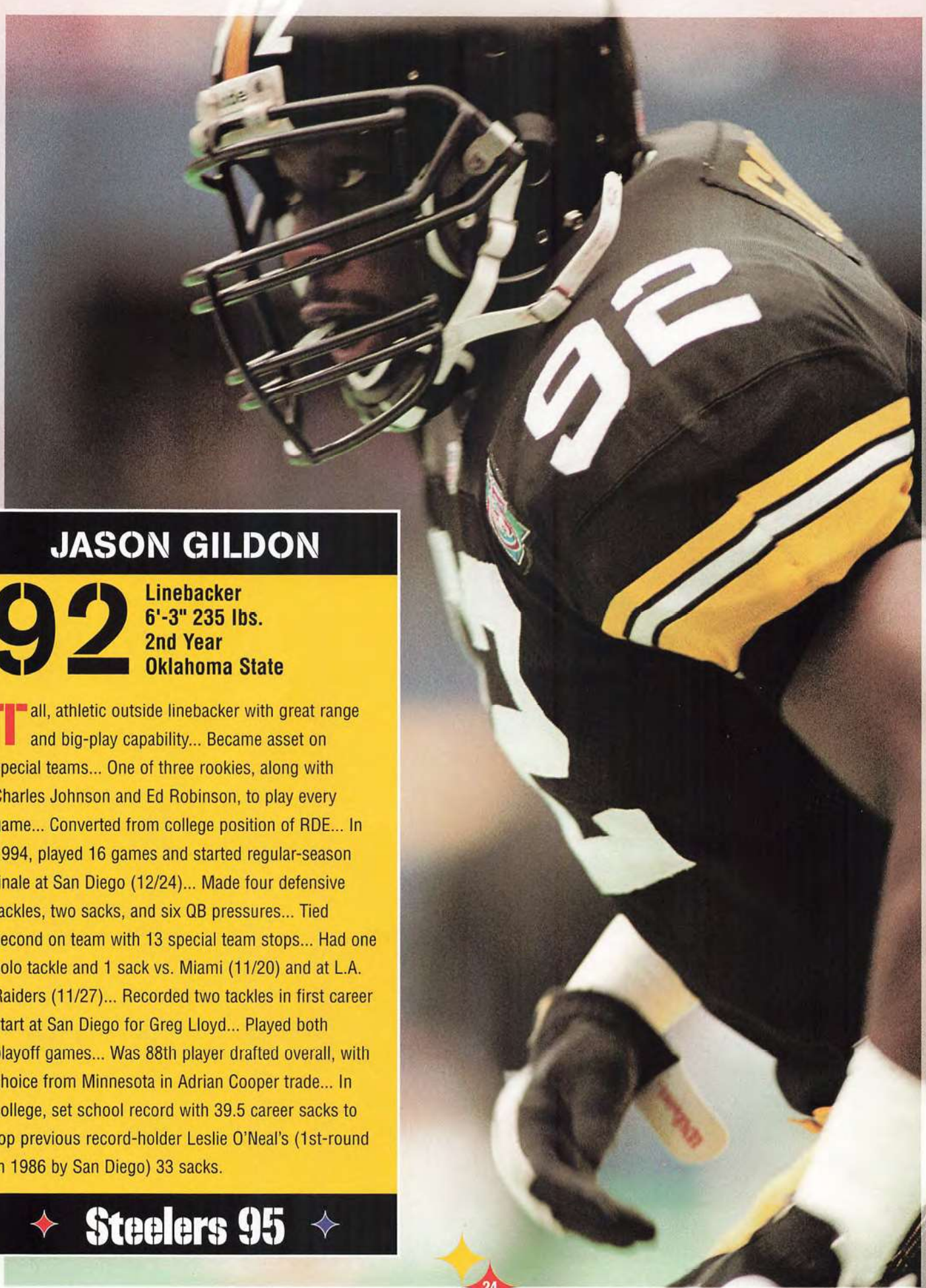

JASON GILDON

92

Linebacker
6'-3" 235 lbs.
2nd Year
Oklahoma State

Tall, athletic outside linebacker with great range and big-play capability... Became asset on special teams... One of three rookies, along with Charles Johnson and Ed Robinson, to play every game... Converted from college position of RDE... In 1994, played 16 games and started regular-season finale at San Diego (12/24)... Made four defensive tackles, two sacks, and six QB pressures... Tied second on team with 13 special team stops... Had one solo tackle and 1 sack vs. Miami (11/20) and at L.A. Raiders (11/27)... Recorded two tackles in first career start at San Diego for Greg Lloyd... Played both playoff games... Was 88th player drafted overall, with choice from Minnesota in Adrian Cooper trade... In college, set school record with 39.5 career sacks to top previous record-holder Leslie O'Neal's (1st-round in 1986 by San Diego) 33 sacks.

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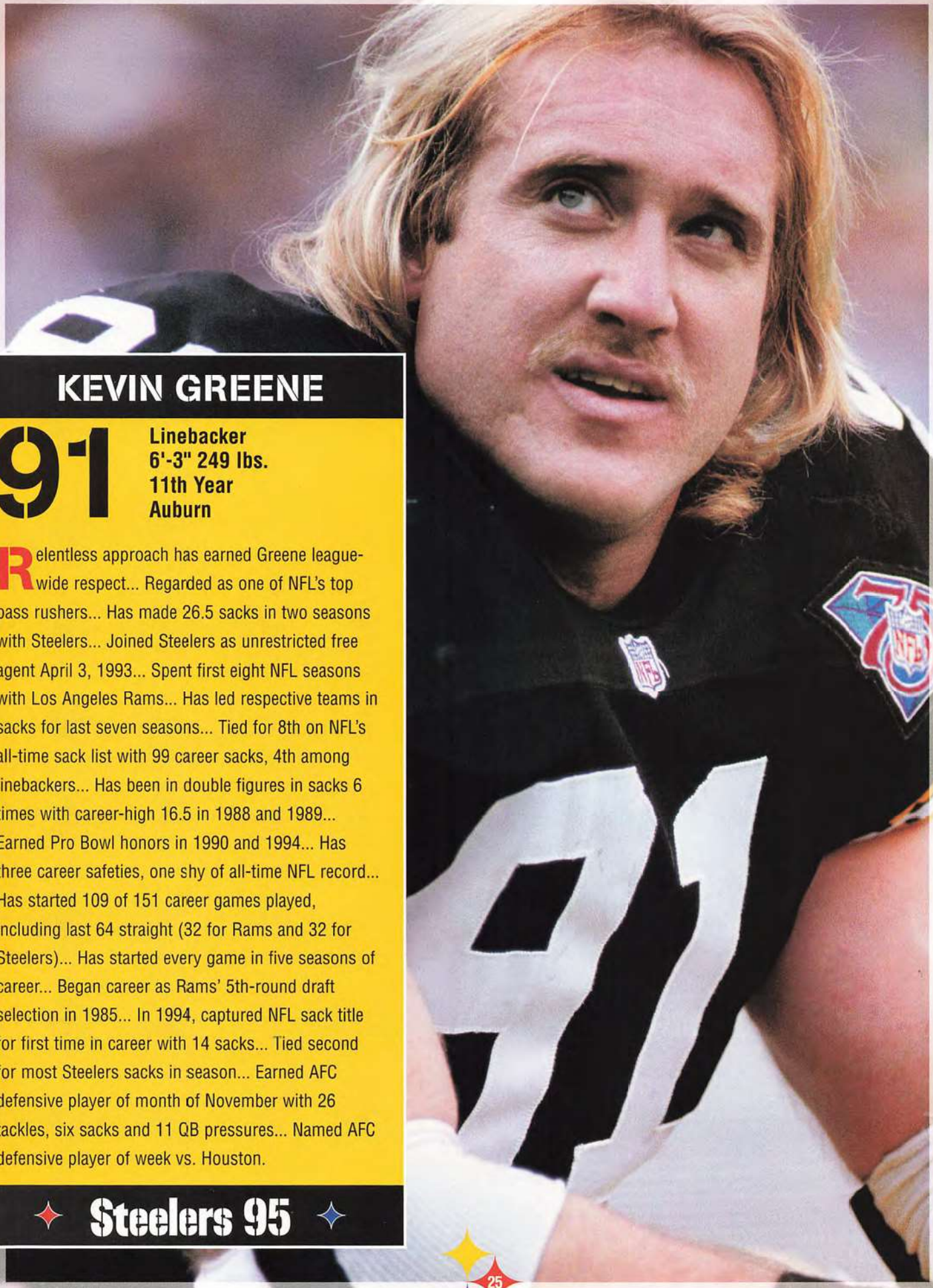

KEVIN GREENE

91

Linebacker
6'-3" 249 lbs.
11th Year
Auburn

Relentless approach has earned Greene league-wide respect... Regarded as one of NFL's top pass rushers... Has made 26.5 sacks in two seasons with Steelers... Joined Steelers as unrestricted free agent April 3, 1993... Spent first eight NFL seasons with Los Angeles Rams... Has led respective teams in sacks for last seven seasons... Tied for 8th on NFL's all-time sack list with 99 career sacks, 4th among linebackers... Has been in double figures in sacks 6 times with career-high 16.5 in 1988 and 1989... Earned Pro Bowl honors in 1990 and 1994... Has three career safeties, one shy of all-time NFL record... Has started 109 of 151 career games played, including last 64 straight (32 for Rams and 32 for Steelers)... Has started every game in five seasons of career... Began career as Rams' 5th-round draft selection in 1985... In 1994, captured NFL sack title for first time in career with 14 sacks... Tied second for most Steelers sacks in season... Earned AFC defensive player of month of November with 26 tackles, six sacks and 11 QB pressures... Named AFC defensive player of week vs. Houston.

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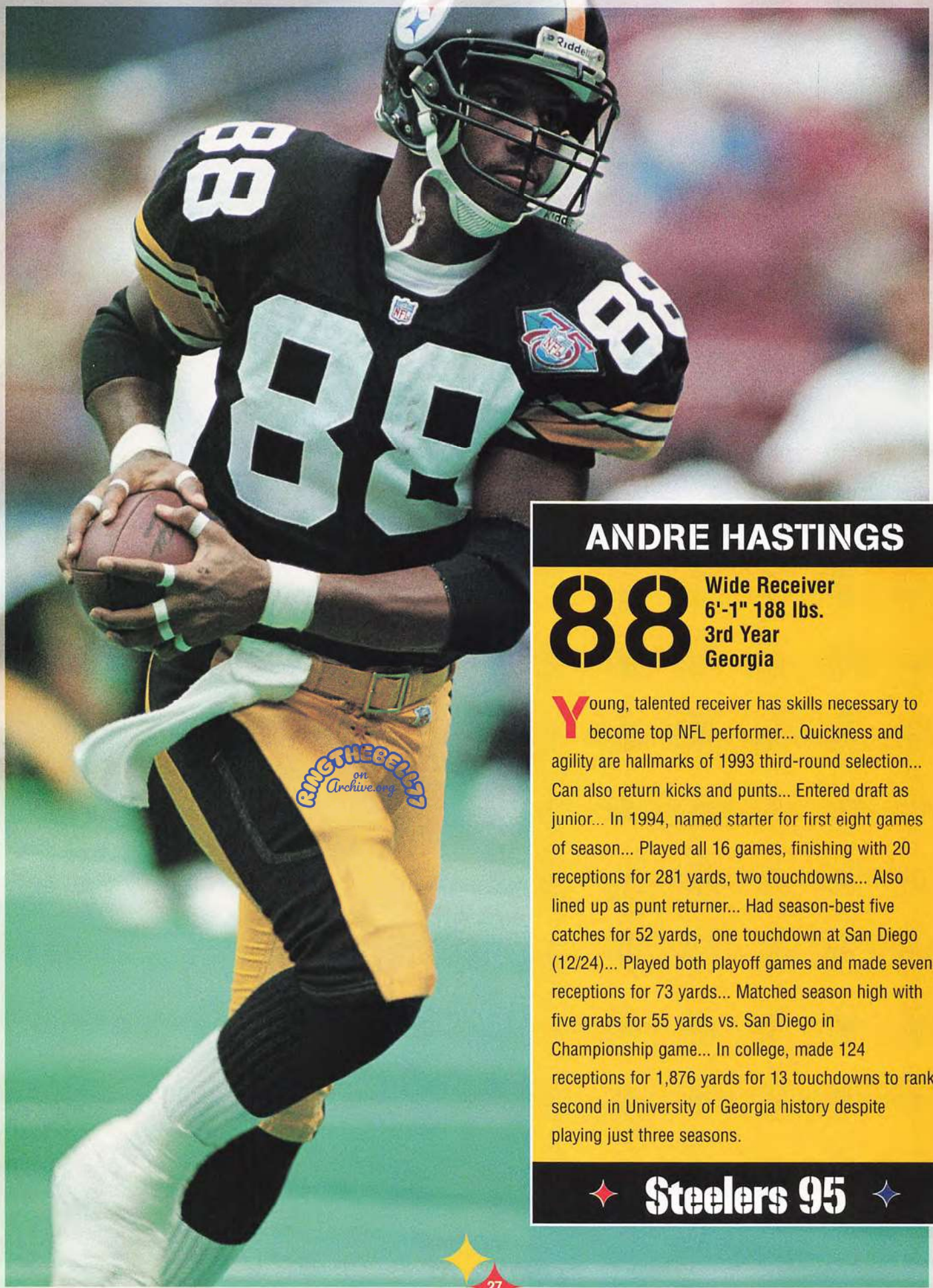

ANDRE HASTINGS

88

Wide Receiver
6'-1" 188 lbs.
3rd Year
Georgia

Young, talented receiver has skills necessary to become top NFL performer... Quickness and agility are hallmarks of 1993 third-round selection... Can also return kicks and punts... Entered draft as junior... In 1994, named starter for first eight games of season... Played all 16 games, finishing with 20 receptions for 281 yards, two touchdowns... Also lined up as punt returner... Had season-best five catches for 52 yards, one touchdown at San Diego (12/24)... Played both playoff games and made seven receptions for 73 yards... Matched season high with five grabs for 55 yards vs. San Diego in Championship game... In college, made 124 receptions for 1,876 yards for 13 touchdowns to rank second in University of Georgia history despite playing just three seasons.

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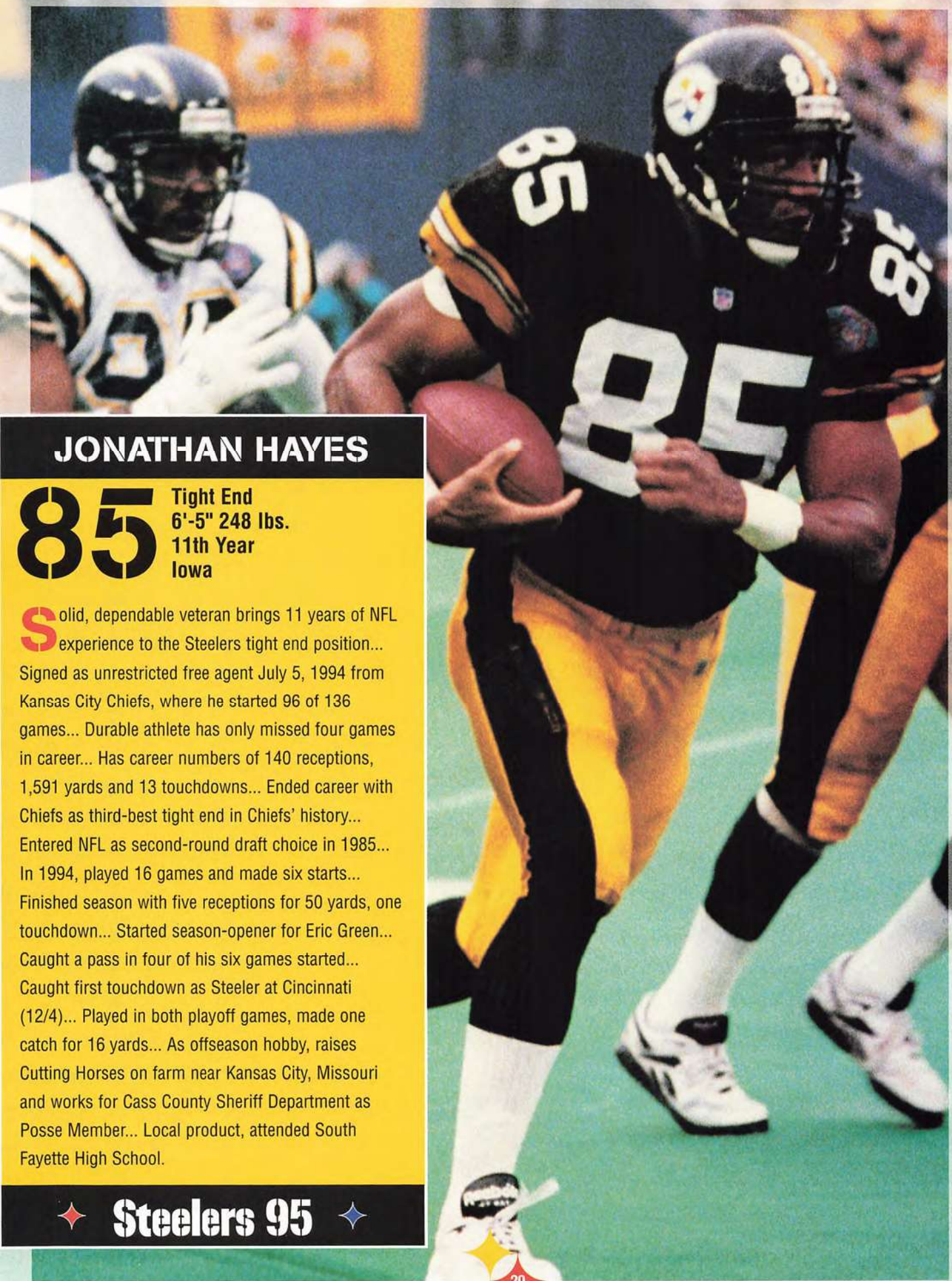
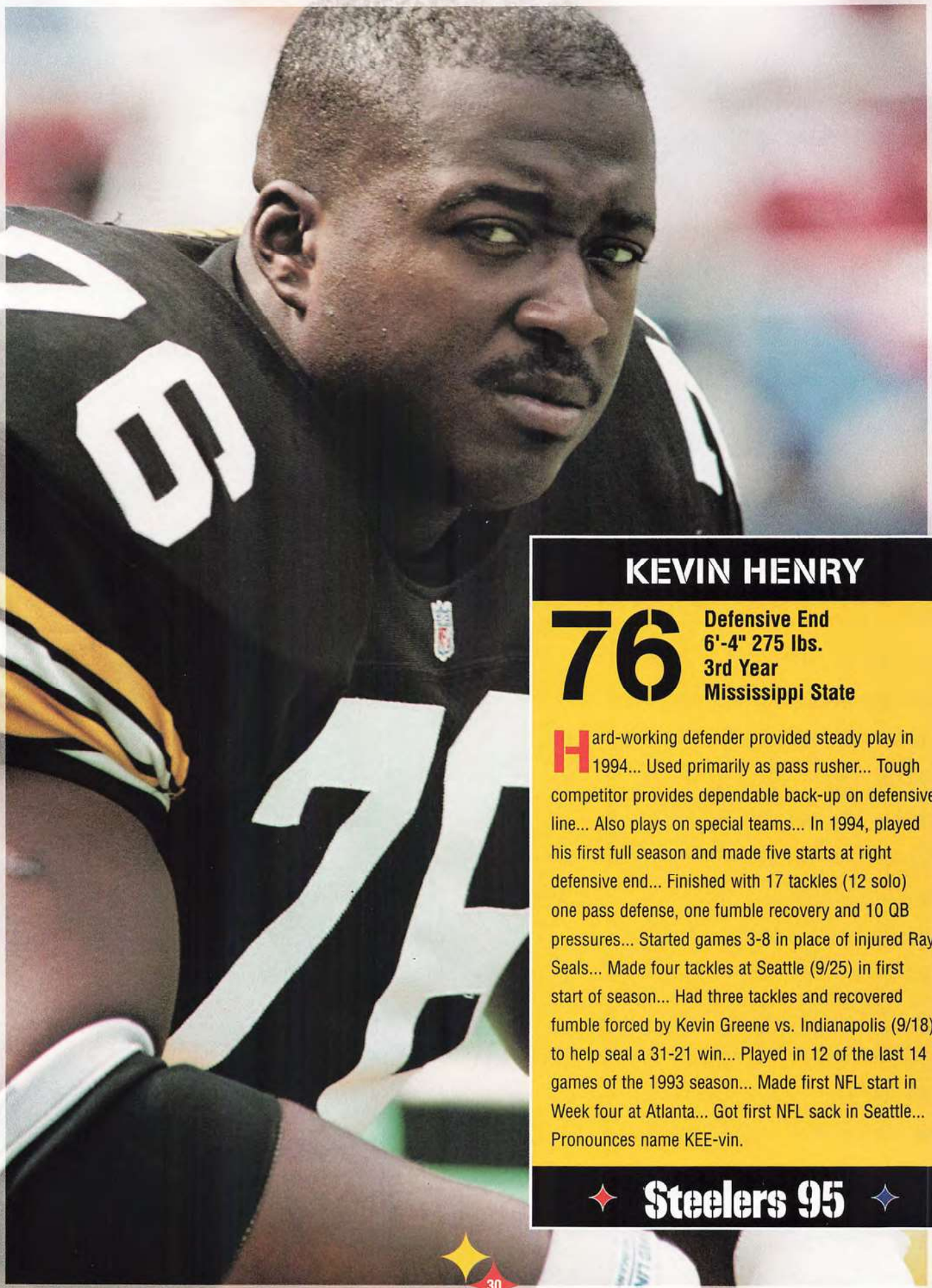


JONATHAN HAYES

85

Tight End
6'-5" 248 lbs.
11th Year
Iowa

Solid, dependable veteran brings 11 years of NFL experience to the Steelers tight end position... Signed as unrestricted free agent July 5, 1994 from Kansas City Chiefs, where he started 96 of 136 games... Durable athlete has only missed four games in career... Has career numbers of 140 receptions, 1,591 yards and 13 touchdowns... Ended career with Chiefs as third-best tight end in Chiefs' history... Entered NFL as second-round draft choice in 1985... In 1994, played 16 games and made six starts... Finished season with five receptions for 50 yards, one touchdown... Started season-opener for Eric Green... Caught a pass in four of his six games started... Caught first touchdown as Steeler at Cincinnati (12/4)... Played in both playoff games, made one catch for 16 yards... As offseason hobby, raises Cutting Horses on farm near Kansas City, Missouri and works for Cass County Sheriff Department as Posse Member... Local product, attended South Fayette High School.



KEVIN HENRY

76

Defensive End
6'-4" 275 lbs.
3rd Year
Mississippi State

Hard-working defender provided steady play in 1994... Used primarily as pass rusher... Tough competitor provides dependable back-up on defensive line... Also plays on special teams... In 1994, played his first full season and made five starts at right defensive end... Finished with 17 tackles (12 solo) one pass defense, one fumble recovery and 10 QB pressures... Started games 3-8 in place of injured Ray Seals... Made four tackles at Seattle (9/25) in first start of season... Had three tackles and recovered fumble forced by Kevin Greene vs. Indianapolis (9/18) to help seal a 31-21 win... Played in 12 of the last 14 games of the 1993 season... Made first NFL start in Week four at Atlanta... Got first NFL sack in Seattle... Pronounces name KEE-vin.

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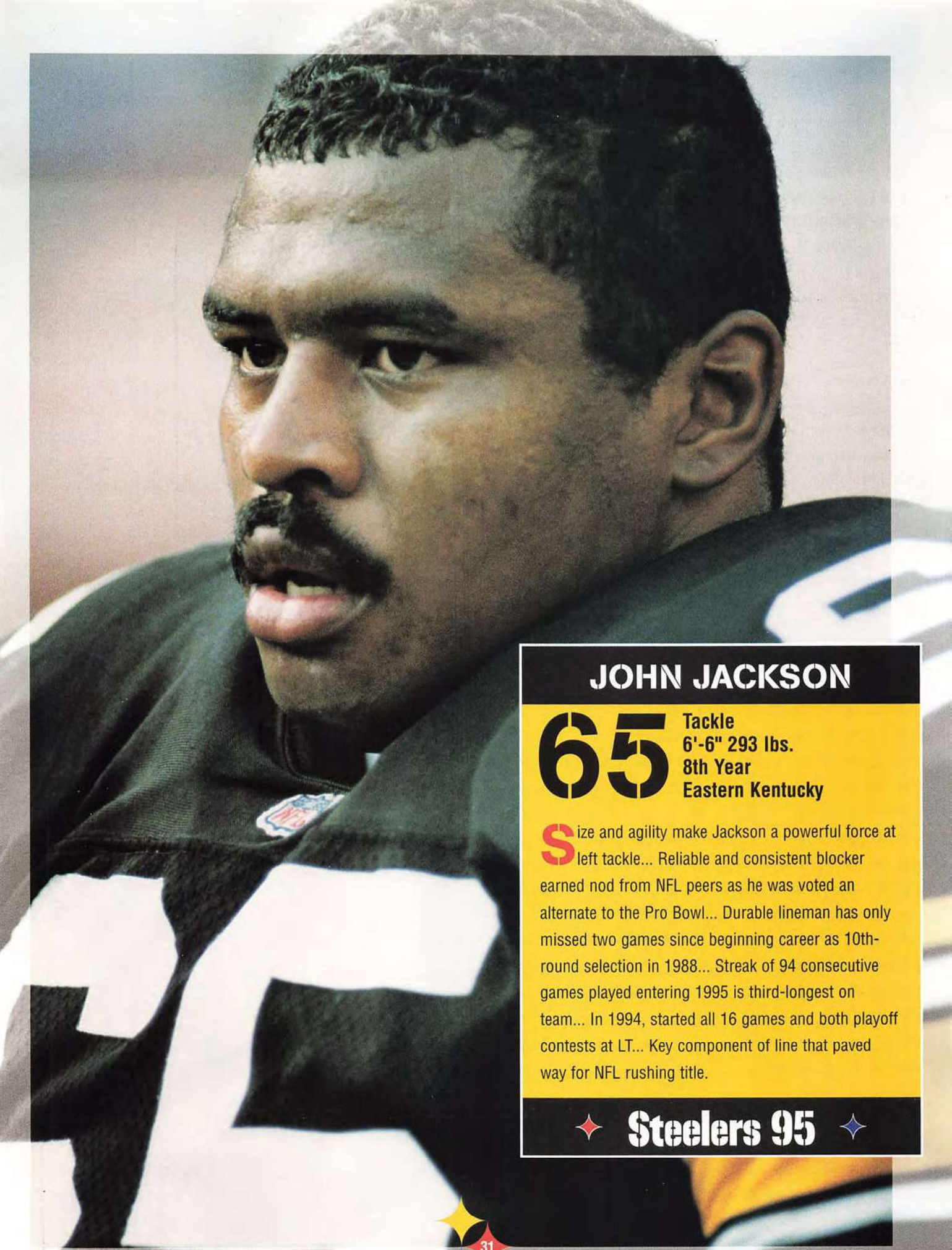

JOHN JACKSON

65

Tackle
6'-6" 293 lbs.
8th Year
Eastern Kentucky

Size and agility make Jackson a powerful force at left tackle... Reliable and consistent blocker earned nod from NFL peers as he was voted an alternate to the Pro Bowl... Durable lineman has only missed two games since beginning career as 10th-round selection in 1988... Streak of 94 consecutive games played entering 1995 is third-longest on team... In 1994, started all 16 games and both playoff contests at LT... Key component of line that paved way for NFL rushing title.

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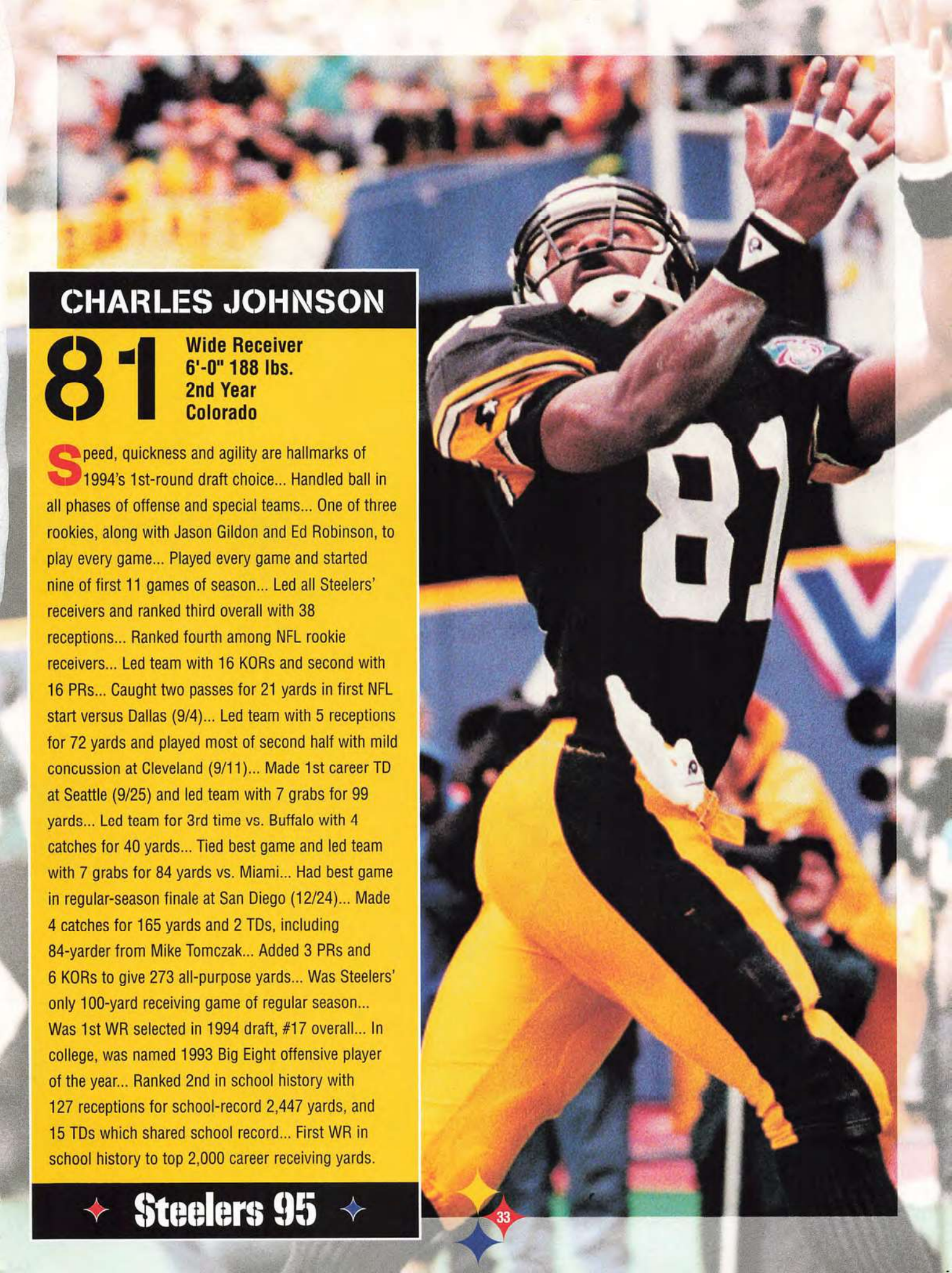
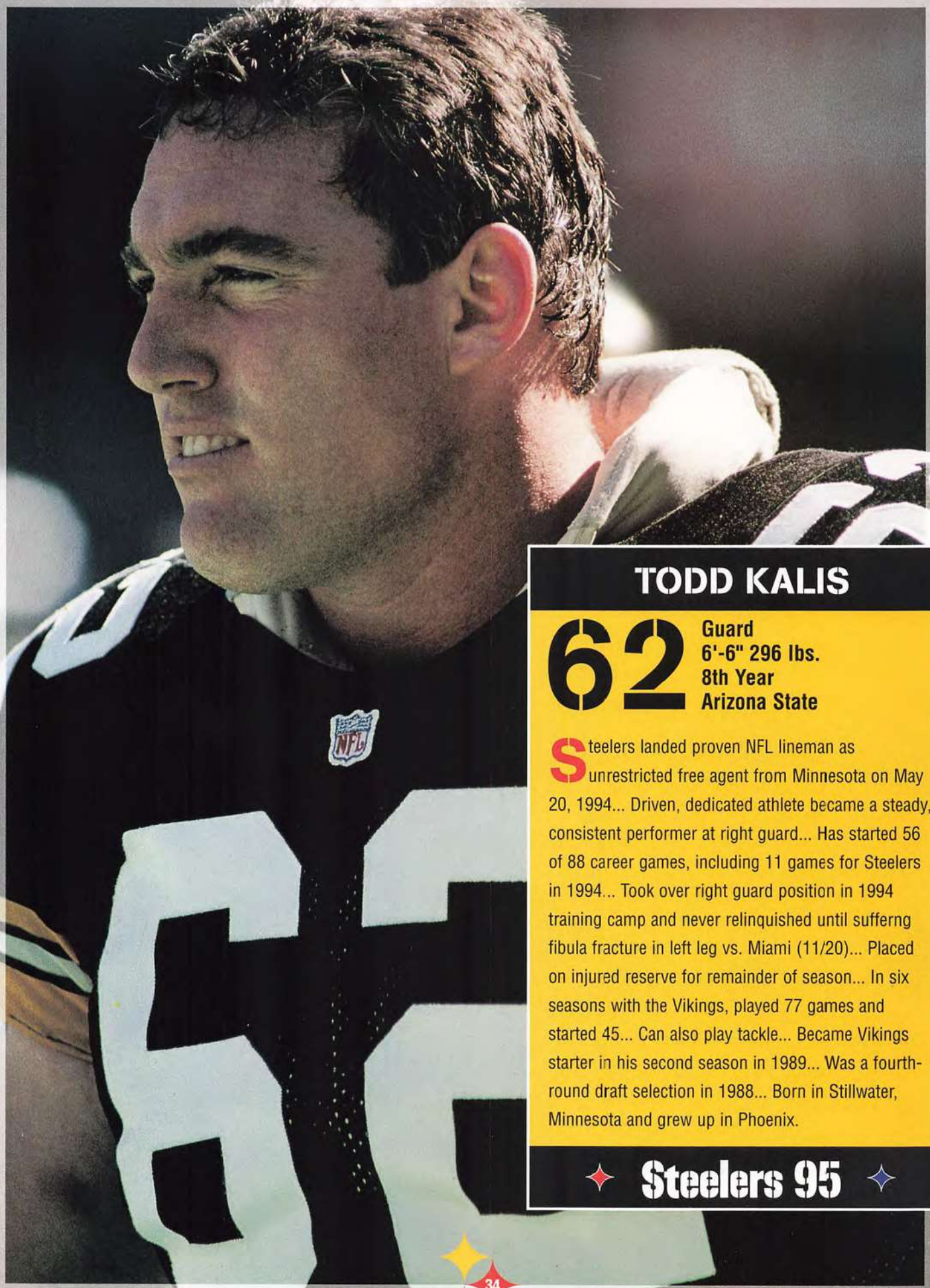


CHARLES JOHNSON

81

Wide Receiver
6'-0" 188 lbs.
2nd Year
Colorado

Speed, quickness and agility are hallmarks of 1994's 1st-round draft choice... Handled ball in all phases of offense and special teams... One of three rookies, along with Jason Gildon and Ed Robinson, to play every game... Played every game and started nine of first 11 games of season... Led all Steelers' receivers and ranked third overall with 38 receptions... Ranked fourth among NFL rookie receivers... Led team with 16 KORs and second with 16 PRs... Caught two passes for 21 yards in first NFL start versus Dallas (9/4)... Led team with 5 receptions for 72 yards and played most of second half with mild concussion at Cleveland (9/11)... Made 1st career TD at Seattle (9/25) and led team with 7 grabs for 99 yards... Led team for 3rd time vs. Buffalo with 4 catches for 40 yards... Tied best game and led team with 7 grabs for 84 yards vs. Miami... Had best game in regular-season finale at San Diego (12/24)... Made 4 catches for 165 yards and 2 TDs, including 84-yarder from Mike Tomczak... Added 3 PRs and 6 KORs to give 273 all-purpose yards... Was Steelers' only 100-yard receiving game of regular season... Was 1st WR selected in 1994 draft, #17 overall... In college, was named 1993 Big Eight offensive player of the year... Ranked 2nd in school history with 127 receptions for school-record 2,447 yards, and 15 TDs which shared school record... First WR in school history to top 2,000 career receiving yards.



TODD KALIS

62

Guard
6'-6" 296 lbs.
8th Year
Arizona State

Steelers landed proven NFL lineman as unrestricted free agent from Minnesota on May 20, 1994... Driven, dedicated athlete became a steady, consistent performer at right guard... Has started 56 of 88 career games, including 11 games for Steelers in 1994... Took over right guard position in 1994 training camp and never relinquished until sufferng fibula fracture in left leg vs. Miami (11/20)... Placed on injured reserve for remainder of season... In six seasons with the Vikings, played 77 games and started 45... Can also play tackle... Became Vikings starter in his second season in 1989... Was a fourth-round draft selection in 1988... Born in Stillwater, Minnesota and grew up in Phoenix.

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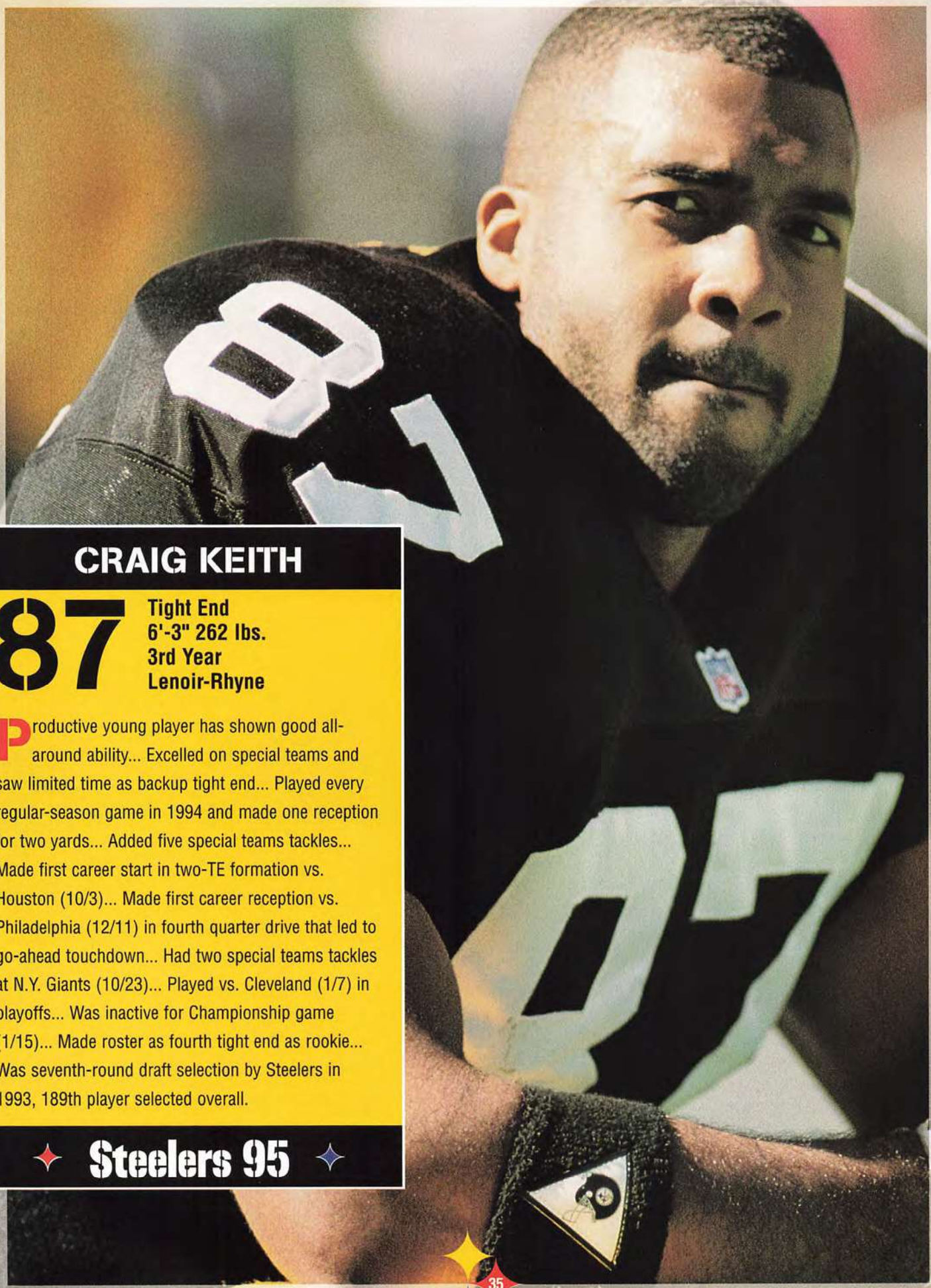

CRAIG KEITH

87

Tight End
6'-3" 262 lbs.
3rd Year
Lenoir-Rhyne

Productive young player has shown good all-around ability... Excelled on special teams and saw limited time as backup tight end... Played every regular-season game in 1994 and made one reception for two yards... Added five special teams tackles... Made first career start in two-TE formation vs. Houston (10/3)... Made first career reception vs. Philadelphia (12/11) in fourth quarter drive that led to go-ahead touchdown... Had two special teams tackles at N.Y. Giants (10/23)... Played vs. Cleveland (1/7) in playoffs... Was inactive for Championship game (1/15)... Made roster as fourth tight end as rookie... Was seventh-round draft selection by Steelers in 1993, 189th player selected overall.

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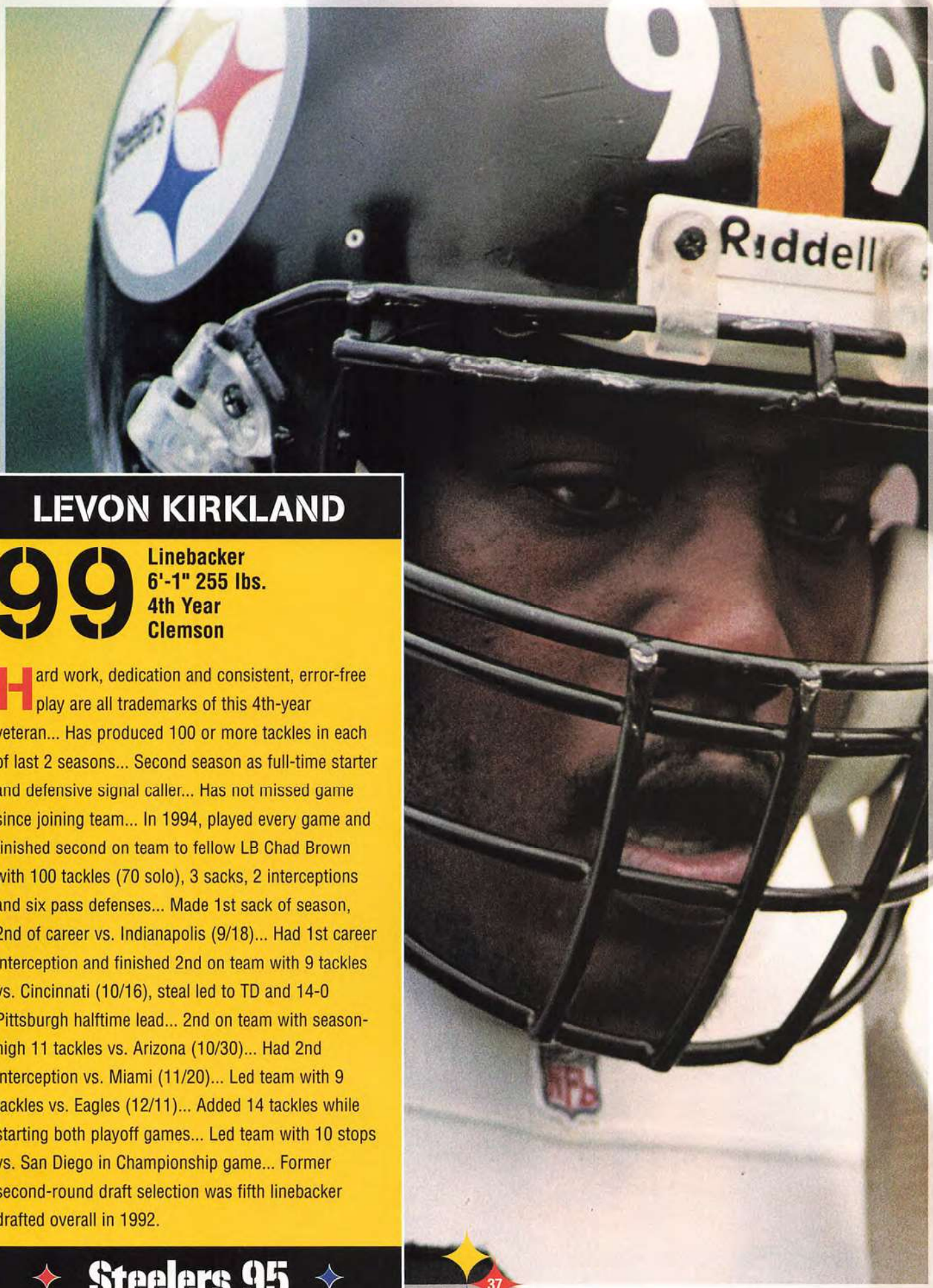


LEVON KIRKLAND

99

Linebacker
6'-1" 255 lbs.
4th Year
Clemson

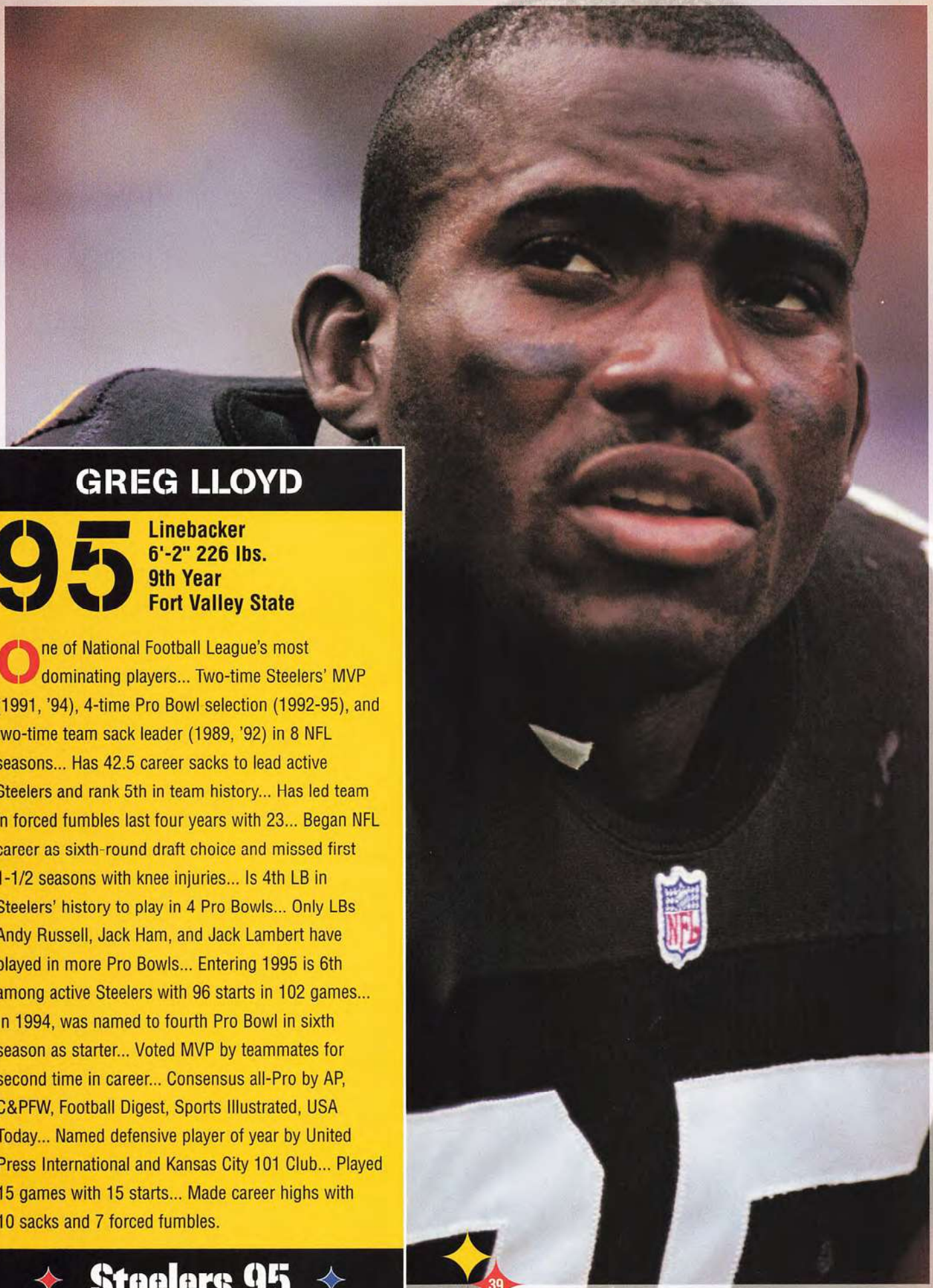
Hard work, dedication and consistent, error-free play are all trademarks of this 4th-year veteran... Has produced 100 or more tackles in each of last 2 seasons... Second season as full-time starter and defensive signal caller... Has not missed game since joining team... In 1994, played every game and finished second on team to fellow LB Chad Brown with 100 tackles (70 solo), 3 sacks, 2 interceptions and six pass defenses... Made 1st sack of season, 2nd of career vs. Indianapolis (9/18)... Had 1st career interception and finished 2nd on team with 9 tackles vs. Cincinnati (10/16), steal led to TD and 14-0 Pittsburgh halftime lead... 2nd on team with season-high 11 tackles vs. Arizona (10/30)... Had 2nd interception vs. Miami (11/20)... Led team with 9 tackles vs. Eagles (12/11)... Added 14 tackles while starting both playoff games... Led team with 10 stops vs. San Diego in Championship game... Former second-round draft selection was fifth linebacker drafted overall in 1992.

CARNELL LAKE

37

Strong Safety
6'-1" 210 lbs.
7th Year
UCLA

Durable, hard-hitting secondary standout had best season as pro... Consistency and hard work finally paid off with first Pro Bowl selection of career following 1994 season... Has been regular starter at SS since arriving as 2nd-round draft choice in 1989, starting all 93 games played and missing only three games in career... Made conversion from college LB to SS... In 1994, Named all-Pro by AP and College and Pro Football Newsweekly... Started every game for fourth time in six-year career... Finished fifth on team with 82 tackles (68 solo), 1 sack, 1 interception, and 14 pass defenses... Added 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery... Led team with 12 tackles vs. Dallas in season opener (9/4)... Tied team lead with 7 tackles at Cleveland (9/11)... Recovered 4th-quarter fumble forced by Greg Lloyd on Cincinnati's final drive to preserve 14-10 win (10/16)... Made 6 tackles and his only interception of season vs. Buffalo (11/14)... Recorded Steelers' only safety of season vs. Cleveland in playoff game (1/7)... Finished postseason with 10 tackles to rank third on team... Was fifth DB drafted overall in 1989.

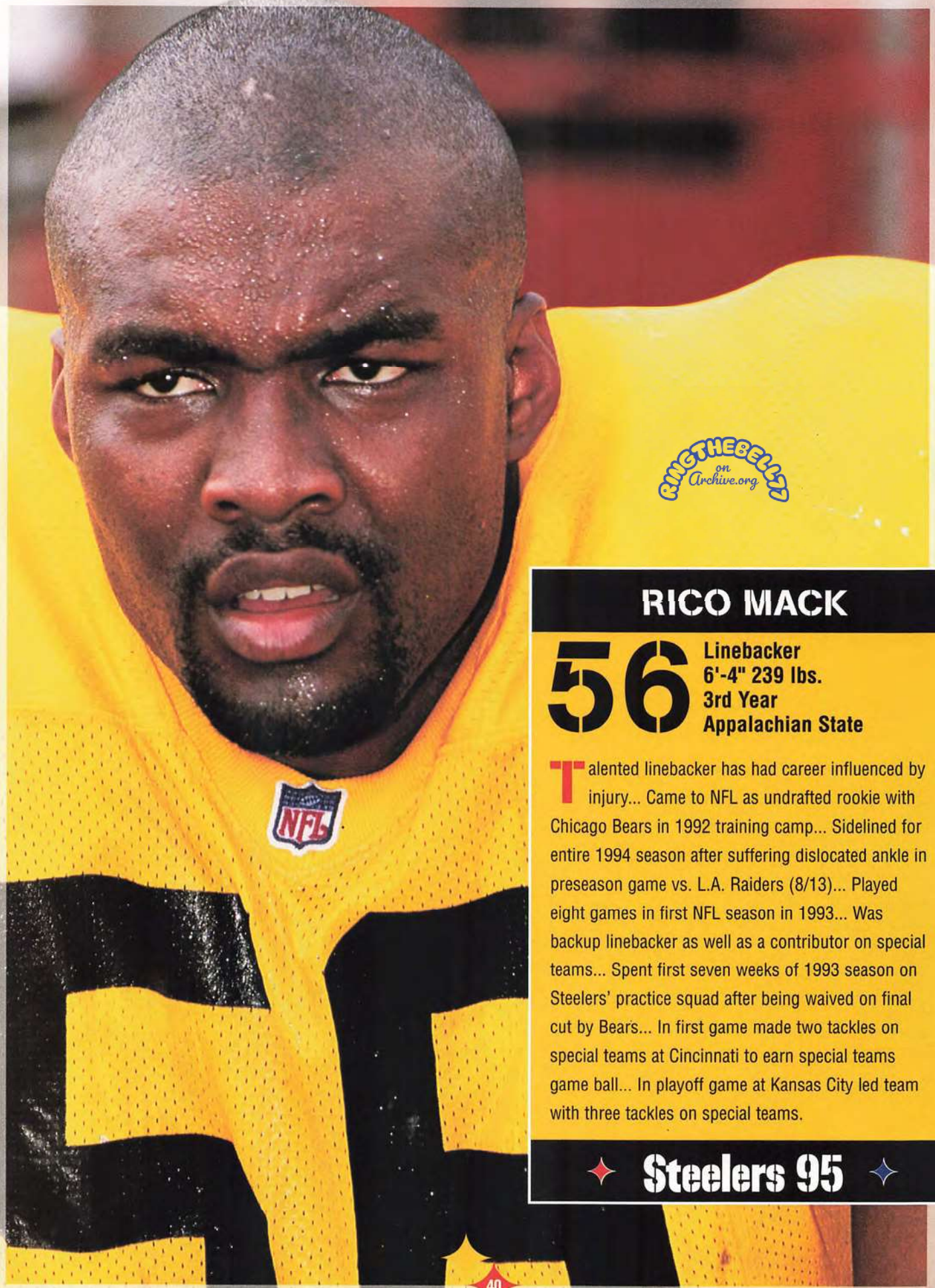


GREG LLOYD

95

Linebacker
6'-2" 226 lbs.
9th Year
Fort Valley State

One of National Football League's most dominating players... Two-time Steelers' MVP (1991, '94), 4-time Pro Bowl selection (1992-95), and two-time team sack leader (1989, '92) in 8 NFL seasons... Has 42.5 career sacks to lead active Steelers and rank 5th in team history... Has led team in forced fumbles last four years with 23... Began NFL career as sixth-round draft choice and missed first 1-1/2 seasons with knee injuries... Is 4th LB in Steelers' history to play in 4 Pro Bowls... Only LBs Andy Russell, Jack Ham, and Jack Lambert have played in more Pro Bowls... Entering 1995 is 6th among active Steelers with 96 starts in 102 games... In 1994, was named to fourth Pro Bowl in sixth season as starter... Voted MVP by teammates for second time in career... Consensus all-Pro by AP, C&PFW, Football Digest, Sports Illustrated, USA Today... Named defensive player of year by United Press International and Kansas City 101 Club... Played 15 games with 15 starts... Made career highs with 10 sacks and 7 forced fumbles.



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RICO MACK

56

Linebacker
6'-4" 239 lbs.
3rd Year
Appalachian State

Talented linebacker has had career influenced by injury... Came to NFL as undrafted rookie with Chicago Bears in 1992 training camp... Sidelined for entire 1994 season after suffering dislocated ankle in preseason game vs. L.A. Raiders (8/13)... Played eight games in first NFL season in 1993... Was backup linebacker as well as a contributor on special teams... Spent first seven weeks of 1993 season on Steelers' practice squad after being waived on final cut by Bears... In first game made two tackles on special teams at Cincinnati to earn special teams game ball... In playoff game at Kansas City led team with three tackles on special teams.

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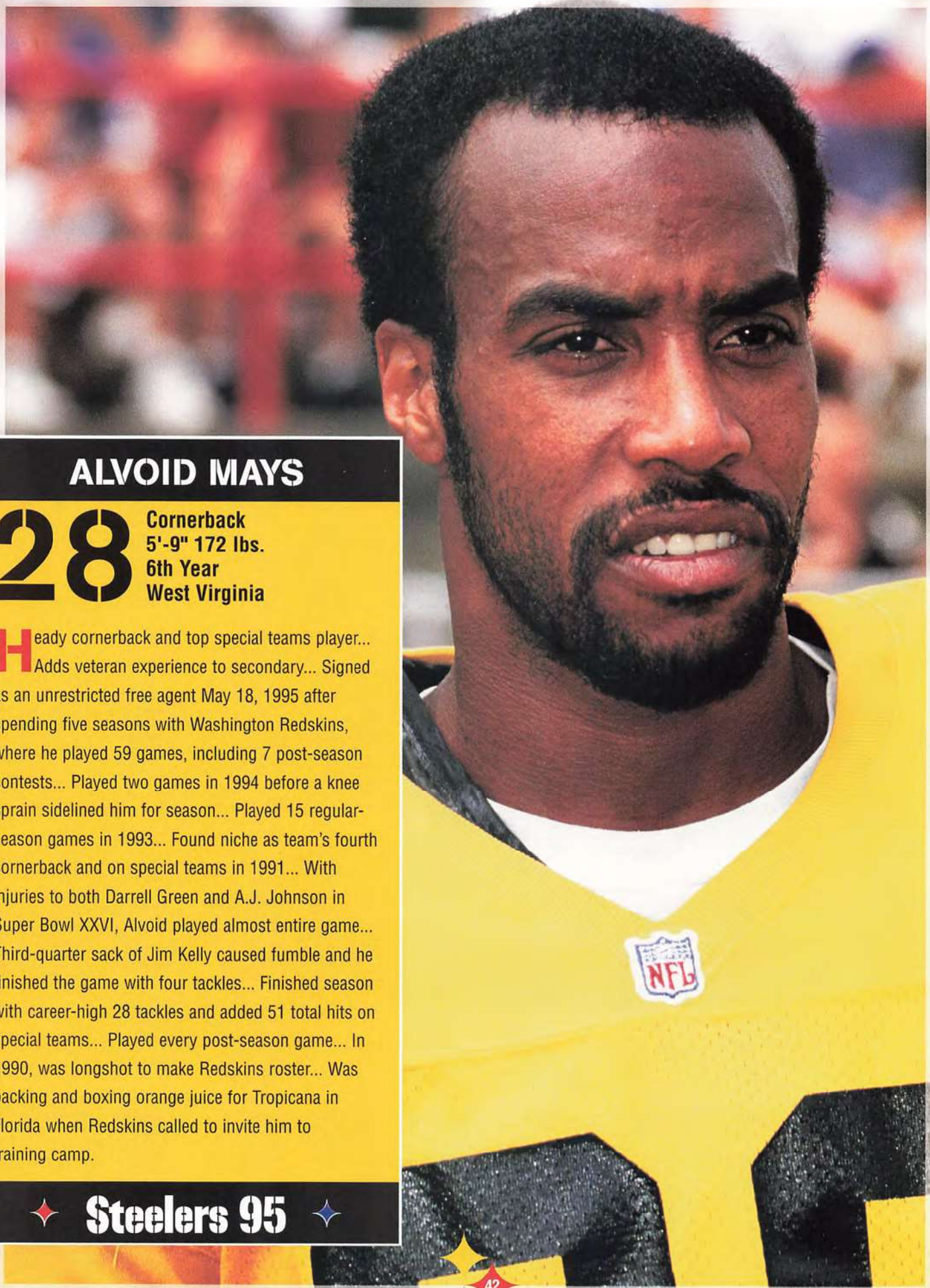

ALVOID MAYS

28

Cornerback
5'-9" 172 lbs.
6th Year
West Virginia

Heady cornerback and top special teams player... Adds veteran experience to secondary... Signed as an unrestricted free agent May 18, 1995 after spending five seasons with Washington Redskins, where he played 59 games, including 7 post-season contests... Played two games in 1994 before a knee sprain sidelined him for season... Played 15 regular-season games in 1993... Found niche as team's fourth cornerback and on special teams in 1991... With injuries to both Darrell Green and A.J. Johnson in Super Bowl XXVI, Alvoid played almost entire game... Third-quarter sack of Jim Kelly caused fumble and he finished the game with four tackles... Finished season with career-high 28 tackles and added 51 total hits on special teams... Played every post-season game... In 1990, was longshot to make Redskins roster... Was packing and boxing orange juice for Tropicana in Florida when Redskins called to invite him to training camp.

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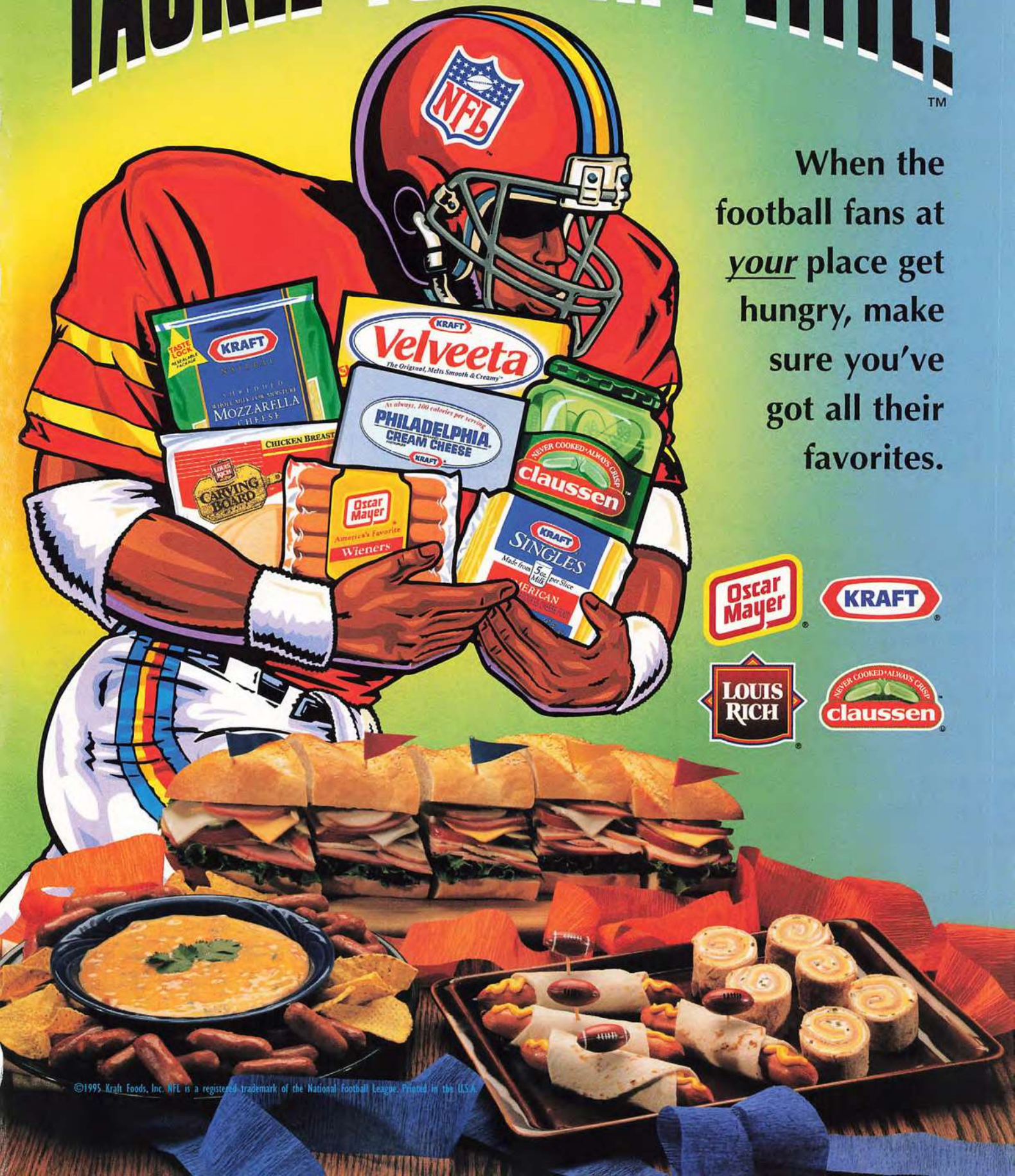

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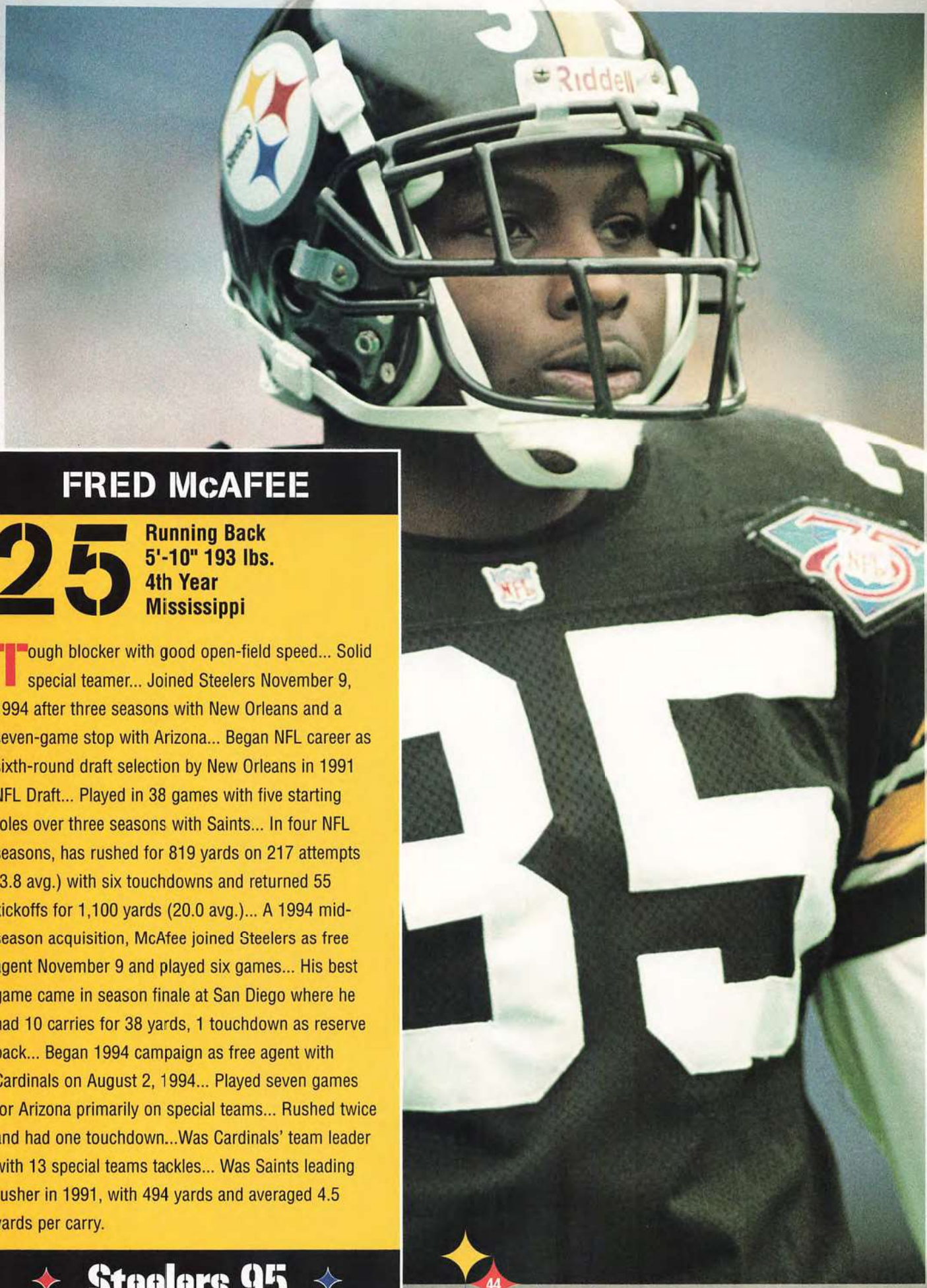

FRED McAFEE

25

Running Back
5'-10" 193 lbs.
4th Year
Mississippi

Tough blocker with good open-field speed... Solid special teamer... Joined Steelers November 9, 1994 after three seasons with New Orleans and a seven-game stop with Arizona... Began NFL career as sixth-round draft selection by New Orleans in 1991 NFL Draft... Played in 38 games with five starting roles over three seasons with Saints... In four NFL seasons, has rushed for 819 yards on 217 attempts (3.8 avg.) with six touchdowns and returned 55 kickoffs for 1,100 yards (20.0 avg.)... A 1994 mid-season acquisition, McAfee joined Steelers as free agent November 9 and played six games... His best game came in season finale at San Diego where he had 10 carries for 38 yards, 1 touchdown as reserve back... Began 1994 campaign as free agent with Cardinals on August 2, 1994... Played seven games for Arizona primarily on special teams... Rushed twice and had one touchdown...Was Cardinals' team leader with 13 special teams tackles... Was Saints leading rusher in 1991, with 494 yards and averaged 4.5 yards per carry.

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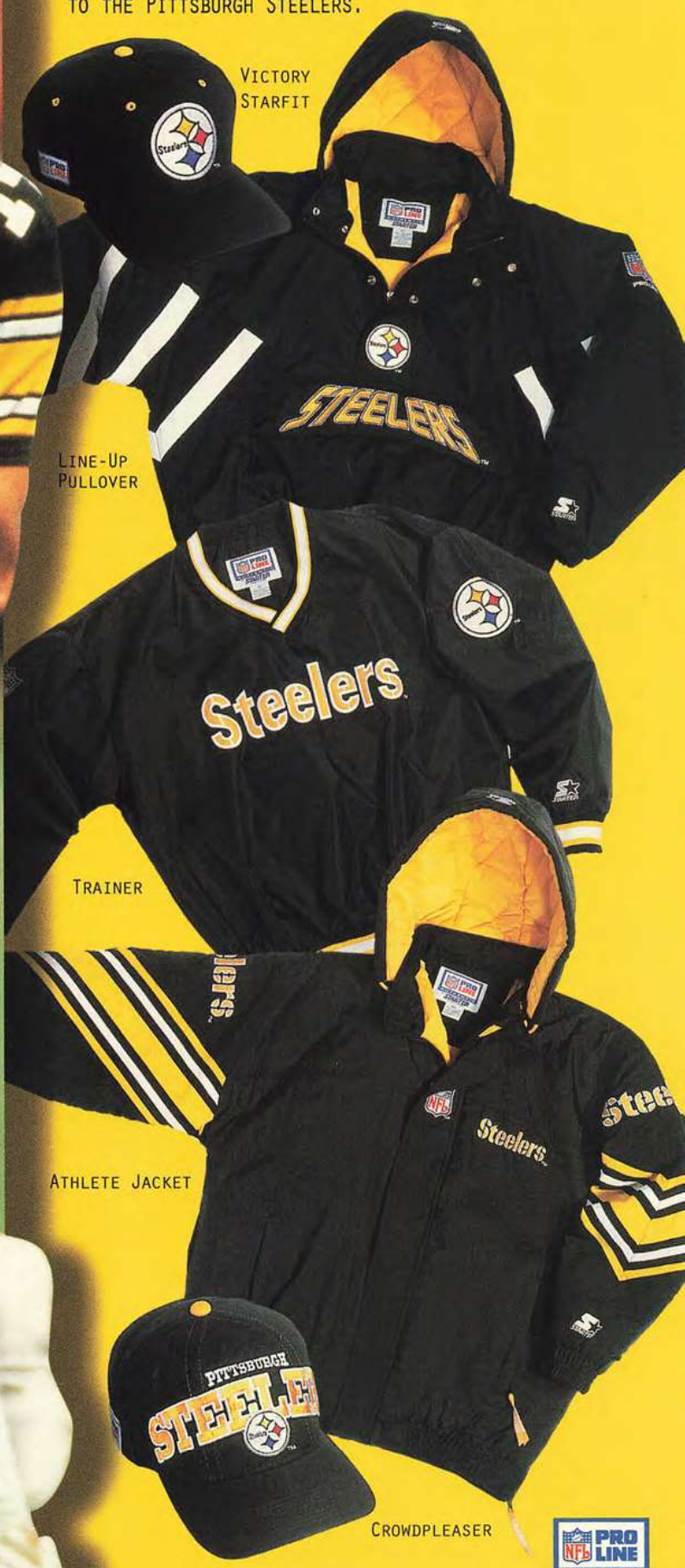

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STEELERS HISTORY

1930s – Art Rooney, Sr. purchased an NFL franchise in 1933 for $2,500.00. The team - nicknamed the Pirates - played in Forbes Field. Forrest (Jap) Douds was the first head coach, followed in quick order by Luby DiMelio, Joe Bach, player coach Johnny Blood (McNally) and Walt Kiesling. Only once in the thirties did the team do as well as break even and that was in 1936 when Bach led them to a 6-6 record. In 1938, former US Supreme Court Justice Byron (Whizzer) White led the NFL in rushing with 567 yards as a rookie.

1940s – The Pirates began the forties the way they ended the thirties with a 2-7-2 mark in 1940. Rooney sold the team to Alexis Thompson and bought into the Philadelphia Eagles, but by April, 1941, he and Thompson swapped franchises and Rooney was back in Pittsburgh to stay. That same year the team was renamed the Steelers and in 1942 recorded its first winning season, 7-4, behind Rookie of the Year halfback Bill Dudley. World War II forced a Steelers-Eagles merger in 1943 with a 5-4-1 finish, good for third place in the East. In 1944, the Steelers and Chicago Cardinals combined but the result was an 0-10 season. Back in Pittsburgh the next year, Jim Leonard's team won just two games. Rooney hired the legendary Jock Sutherland in 1946 and he directed a 5-5-1 record in his first season. Dudley led the NFL in rushing and interceptions but was traded to Detroit. In 1947, the Steelers tied Philadelphia for first place in the East at 8-4, but were shut out in the playoff, 21-0. A few months later Sutherland died while on a scouting trip and was replaced by his protege, John Michelosen.

1950s – Joe Bach returned to replace Michelosen after the 1951 season. Under Bach, the Steelers became the last NFL team to switch their offense from the single wing to the T-formation. The team finished 5-7. In 1953, receiver Elbie Nickel had 62 catches, second best in the NFL, but Finks was injured in mid-season and the team lost four of five games enroute to a 6-6 mark. Due to illness, Bach resigned after the season and Kiesling took over for the third time. In three years, he compiled a 14-22 record. Finks retired in 1956. Buddy Parker, who had led the Detroit Lions to two NFL titles, became the 11th coach in Steelers history. Parker acquired quarterback Earl Morrall in 1957, a trade in which the Steelers gave up two first round draft choices even though they had made quarterback Len Dawson their first choice in the year's draft. The next year Parker traded Morrall to the Lions for quarterback Bobby Layne. Again the Steelers gave up draft choices but the team won six and tied one of their last seven games with Layne at the helm to finish at 7-4-1, the second best record in team history.

1960 – Injuries plagued the team and the record fell to 5-6-1. Buddy Dial set a team record, tied by Louis Lipps in 1985, with 12 TD receptions. RB Jack Spikes was the first draft choice and the next five had been traded.

1961 – The Steelers lost their first four games by a total of 21 points before winning six of the final ten. The draft produced a player who is still with the organization - assistant coach Dick Hoak.

1962 – QB Ed Brown, a mid-season acquisition, led the team to a 9-5 record which was their best ever. It earned them a berth in the short-lived Playoff Bowl in Miami where they lost to Detroit, 17-10. John Henry Johnson became the first player in team history to rush for 1,000 yards (1,141). Bobby Layne retired and Big Daddy Lipscomb died.

1963 – The Steelers went into the final game of the season against the New York Giants with a 7-3-3 record and needed a win to capture their first-ever title. The Giants prevailed, 33-17, and the Steelers' wait continued. LB Andy Russell, a seven-time Pro Bowl selection, was a 16th round draft choice. Buddy Dial set a team record with 1,209 yards receiving.

1964 – Art Rooney, Sr. was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A five game losing streak in mid-season led to a 5-9 record in what was to be Parker's last season. Johnson again hit the 1,000-yard (1,048) mark.

1965 – Parker left right before the season started and was replaced by assistant Mike Nixon, who had previously been a head coach with the Redskins. Two straight victories were sandwiched between five and seven game losing streaks.

1966 – Former Green Bay great Bill Austin, a Vince Lombardi disciple, was hired to coach. His first season record of 5-8-1 was his best.

1967 – Another lackluster year resulted in a 4-9-1 finish. The season began with six straight defeats and ended with five in a row.

1968 – A 2-11-1 mark doomed Austin as Bill Nelsen was traded to Cleveland for Dick Shiner. Dick Hoak finished fourth in the league in rushing with 858 yards and Roy Jefferson caught 58 passes.

1969 – Chuck Noll, a Baltimore assistant and former Cleveland player, replaced Austin. His first official act was to draft Joe Greene, who became NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. Jon Kolb and L.C. Greenwood, both of whom started in four Super Bowls, were also drafted that year. The team won its first game and then lost 13 straight.

1970 – Three Rivers Stadium opened and the team moved to the AFC as the NFL and AFL merged. Top draft choice Terry Bradshaw, the first played selected in the annual draft, and RB Frenchy Fuqua led the team to a 5-9 record.

1971 – The team remained in contention for the division title until the last few weeks of the season and finished 6-8. Bright spots were rookies Jack Ham, Larry Brown, Mike Wagner, Gerry Mullins, and Dwight White as Noll continued to build the team.

1972 – Will always be remembered for Rookie of the Year Franco Harris' "Immaculate Reception." The Steelers won their first-ever division title with an 11-3 record. Although Miami won the AFC Championship game, 21-17, 1972 was the start of something big.

1973 – Injuries were a problem in the Steelers' drive for greatness with Bradshaw, Terry Hanratty, Harris and Fuqua all sidelined. Still the team finished at 10-4 but lost to Oakland in round one of the playoffs.

1974 – With another AFC Central crown, the Steelers went on to their first Super Bowl Championship. Bradshaw took over for Joe Gilliam after the sixth game. Harris, rookie Lynn Swann and the Steel Curtain defense were big contributors to the team's success. Super Bowl IX vs. Minnesota saw Harris rush for a then-record 158 yards as the team won, 16-6.

1975 – After an upset loss to Buffalo Week 2, the Steelers surged to win 11 straight games. The team ran over Baltimore and Oakland to face Dallas in Super Bowl X. With Reggie Harrison blocking a punt and Swann winning MVP honors, Pittsburgh defeated the Cowboys, 21-17.

1976 – Even a 1-4 start couldn't keep the Steelers from their fourth straight division crown. The season jelled Oct. 17 with a home win over Cincinnati, 23-6, when rookie QB Mike Kruczek took over for an injured Bradshaw and handed off to Harris 41 times. The defense did not allow a TD for 22 quarters and recorded three shutouts. The Steelers beat Houston in the season finale to clinch the AFC Central title. But after a 40-14 rout of Baltimore in round one, the team lost Harris and Bleier to injuries and the season ended with a 24-7 loss to Oakland in the AFC title game.

1977 – The Steelers once again came out on top of the division the last week of the season with a 9-5 finish. Denver spoiled hopes for another Super Bowl by winning the first playoff game, 34-21.

1978 – The Steelers made history by becoming the first team to win three Super Bowls. After compiling the league's best regular-season record, 14-2, Pittsburgh triumphed in the playoffs and beat Dallas, 35-31, in Super Bowl XIII. Terry Bradshaw was the Super Bowl MVP with four TD passes. John Stallworth set an AFC divisional playoff record with 10 catches against Denver and had two TD receptions in the first half of the Super Bowl.

1979 – The "Dynasty" reigned supreme, winning an unprecedented fourth Super Bowl, the second time Chuck Noll's team won back-to-back World Championships. Miami and Houston were playoff victims on the road to Pasadena. The Rams were the prey as the "Team of the Decade" won, 31-19. Bradshaw became a two-time Super Bowl MVP with 309 passing yards. Harris had his seventh 1,000-yard season which tied Jim Brown's record.

1980 – The Steelers' pace slowed considerably in 1980 as the team failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1971. Although Harris surpassed 9,000 career yards, the team lost three in a row after winning four of the first five. Bleier ended his career in fitting style, scoring the winning TD against Kansas City in his final home game.

1981 – Off season retirements included Greene, Bleier, Wagner and White as the Steelers began to rebuild. The team was in contention until Bradshaw broke his hand in a 30-27 loss to Oakland and the season ended with the final regular season game.

1982 – Was a year of celebration as the team marked its 50th anniversary. Bradshaw's career total reached 210 touchdowns and Mel Blount became the team's all-time interception leader with 53. San Diego beat the Steelers, 31-28, in the first round of the AFC Tournament which was the last time a postseason game was played in Three Rivers.

1983 – For the first time since 1979, the Steelers were AFC Central Champs and in the playoffs for the 10th time in 12 seasons. The young team put together a NFL-high seven-game win streak in mid-season and a 10-6 record. The team lost 38-10, to the L.A. Raiders in the first playoff game. Bradshaw played in just one game and Harris became the second all-time rushing leader as both completed their Steelers careers. Mel Blount retired following the season.

1984 – The Steelers were back in the AFC Championship game for the first time since 1979 but lost, 45-28, to Miami, despite their ninth division title since 1972. The team surprised Denver, 24-17, in Mile High Stadium for the first postseason win since Super Bowl XIV. A toe injury early in the season eventually ended Jack Lambert's career and injuries also caused Larry Brown to retire. But 1984 saw John Stallworth shatter yardage and reception records and also marked the NFL debut of Rookie of the Year Louis Lipps.

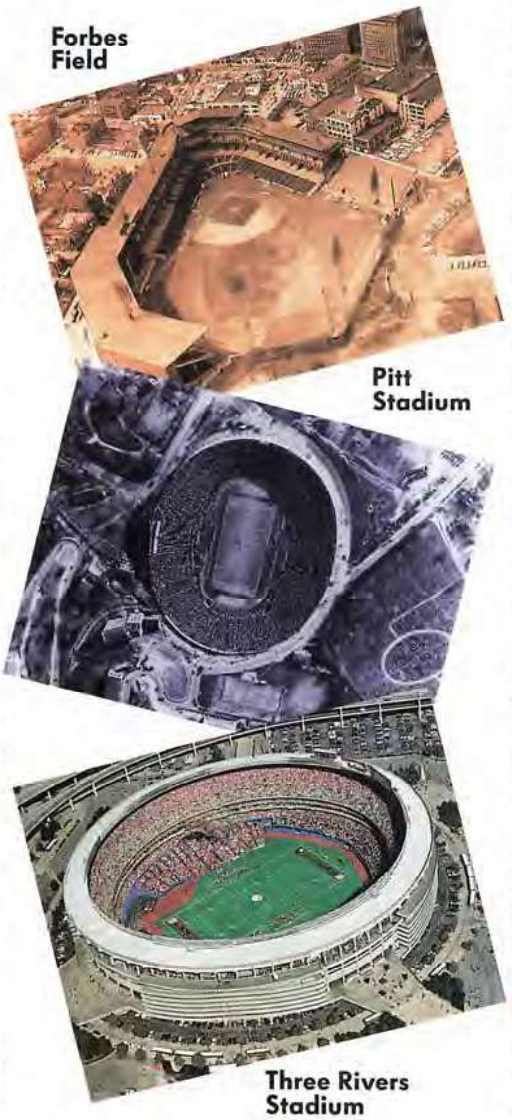
1985 – For the first time since 1971, the team had a losing season, finishing 7-9 and failing to make the playoffs for only the third time in 14 seasons. Even though they lost fourth quarter leads in four games, the Steelers scored the third most points (379) in club history and the highest season total in the AFC. Kicker Gary Anderson earned his third straight AFC scoring title with a team-record 139 points. Stallworth and team MVP and two-time Pro Bowler Lipps combined for 134 catches, 2071 yards and 17 TDs receiving. Lipps also broke Franco Harris' season touchdown record by scoring 15.

1986 – Was the tale of two seasons. The team did not jell until mid-season, losing six of the first seven games. When the offensive line returned to health, the Steelers won five of the last nine games. Ernest Jackson joined the team three weeks into the season and led in rushing with 910 yards.

1987 – The Steelers were eliminated from playoff contention by Cleveland, 19-13, in the final game of the season. They were 8-7 in a season shortened by one game because of a players strike. Four-time Super Bowlers Donnie Shell and John Stallworth retired. Joe Greene and John Henry Johnson were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

1988 – The Steelers recorded their second poorest record (5-11) in Chuck Noll's 23 seasons as the head coach. Mike Webster set a club record with 220 games played and Merril Hoge established a new mark for the running backs with 50 pass receptions. Jack Ham was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. At the age of 87, Art Rooney died on August 25.

1989 – By winning five of their last six games, the Steelers made the playoffs for the first time in five seasons with a 9-7 record. They had lost their first two games by a combined score of 92-10 and the remarkable comeback earned Chuck Noll Coach of the Year honors for the first time. In the playoffs, an exciting 26-23 overtime win in Houston and a heartbreaking 24-23 loss in Denver ended the rags-to-riches finish. Mel Blount and Terry Bradshaw were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



1990 – Chuck Noll became the fifth coach in pro football history to win 200 games. A loss in Houston on the final day of the season dropped their record to 9-7 and a three-way tie for the division title. They lost the tie-breaker to the Oilers and the Browns and missed the playoffs. A 1-3 start in which the offense failed to score a touchdown negated a 3-1 finish. Franco Harris and Jack Lambert were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

1991 – On December 26th, after 23 years as the Steelers' head coach, Chuck Noll retired with a 209-156-1 career record. He is the only coach in NFL history to win four Super Bowls. His team turned a 7-9 mark in his final season. Bubby Brister and Neil O'Donnell each started eight games and Greg Lloyd, the team MVP, made the Pro Bowl for the first time while Rod Woodson was selected for the third straight season.

1992 – On January 21st, Bill Cowher became the 15th head coach in Steelers' history. By leading the Steelers to an 11-5 record and their first AFC Central title since 1984, Cowher earned NFL Coach of the Year honors. The Steelers lost a first-round playoff game to Buffalo, 24-3. Barry Foster set a team single-season rushing record with 1,690 yards as he led the AFC and his twelve 100-yard games matched the NFL record. Six players - Dermontti Dawson, Barry Foster, Carlton Haselrig, Greg Lloyd, Neil O'Donnell and Rod Woodson - made the Pro Bowl, the highest number since 1980.

1993 – The Steelers made the playoffs for the second straight season. Their 9-7 record was good for second place in the division and gave them a wild-card berth. The season ended in heart-breaking fashion with a 27-24 overtime loss to the Kansas City Chiefs in which the Steelers held a 10-point halftime lead but a blocked punt led to the tying score with 1:43 left in the fourth quarter. Rod Woodson became the fourth Steeler to be named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year. The others were Joe Greene (1974), Mel Blount (1975) and Jack Lambert (1976).

1994 – The Steelers won seven of their final eight regular-season games for their strongest finish since 1978. They captured their second division title in three years with the AFC's best record of 12-4. After a 29-9 victory over the Cleveland Browns in the first round of the playoffs, Pittsburgh hosted their first AFC Championship game since 1979. The game went down to the wire and the Steelers lost to the San Diego Chargers 17-13.

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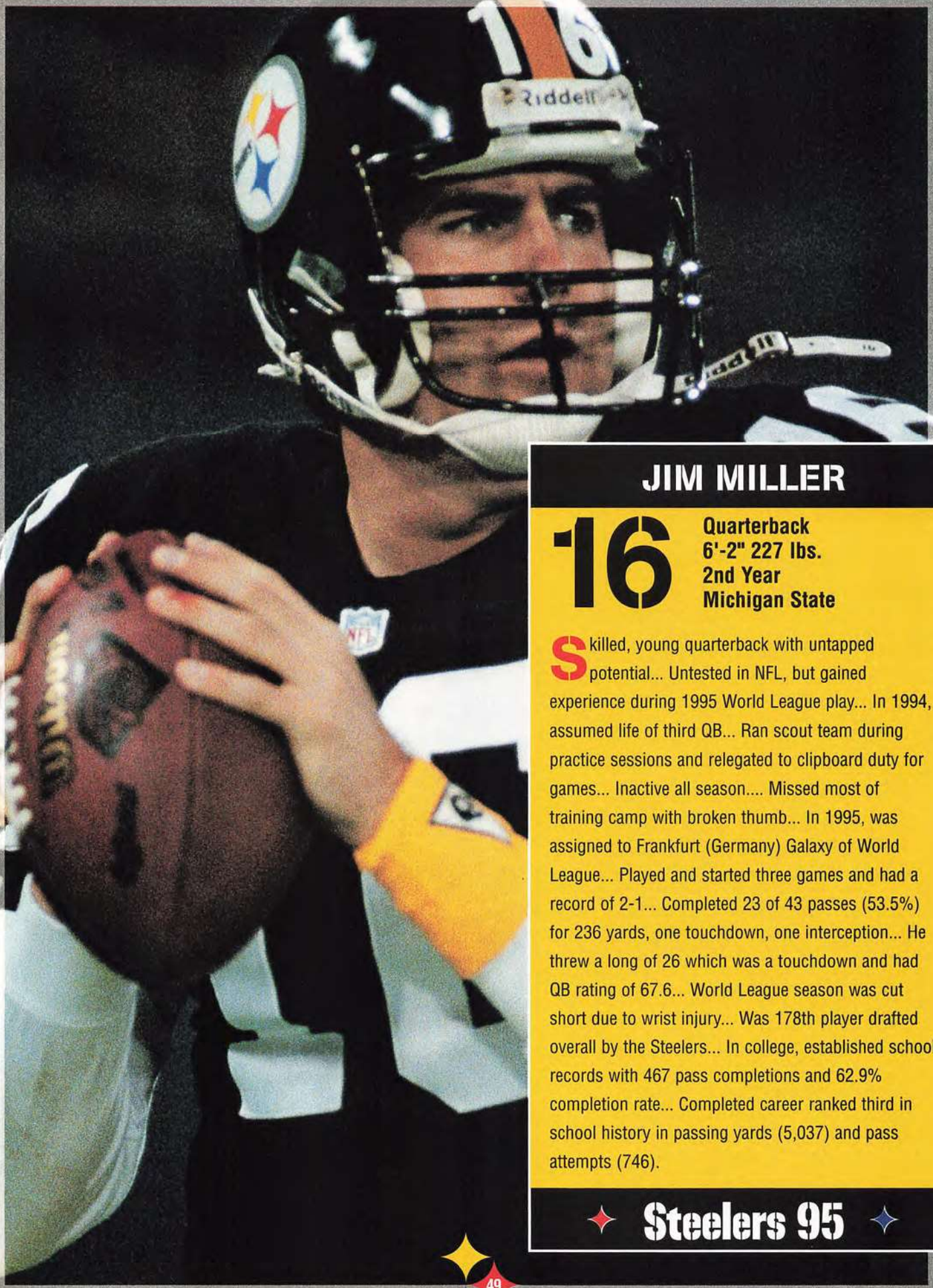
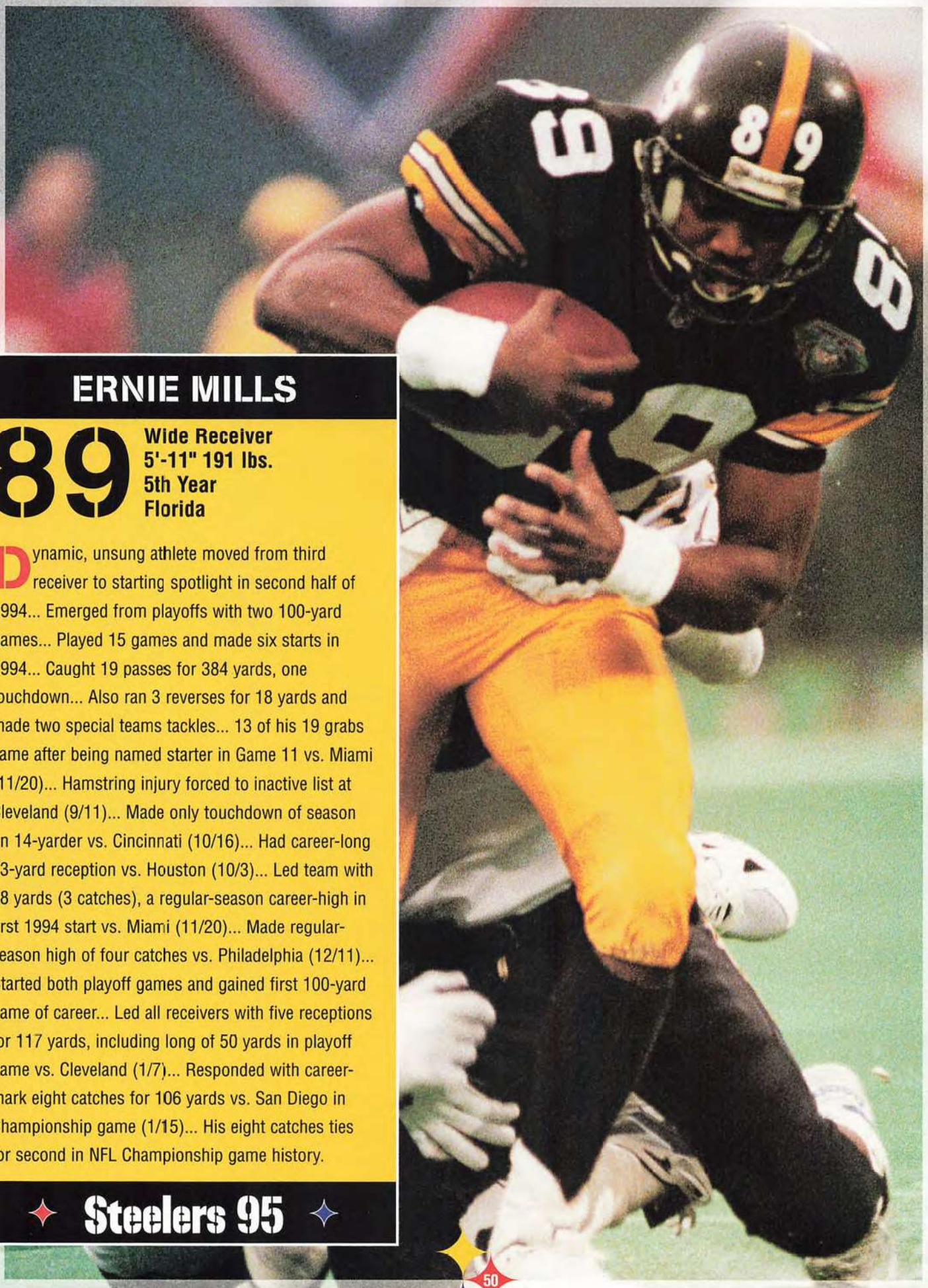


JIM MILLER

16

Quarterback
6'-2" 227 lbs.
2nd Year
Michigan State

Skilled, young quarterback with untapped potential... Untested in NFL, but gained experience during 1995 World League play... In 1994, assumed life of third QB... Ran scout team during practice sessions and relegated to clipboard duty for games... Inactive all season.... Missed most of training camp with broken thumb... In 1995, was assigned to Frankfurt (Germany) Galaxy of World League... Played and started three games and had a record of 2-1... Completed 23 of 43 passes (53.5%) for 236 yards, one touchdown, one interception... He threw a long of 26 which was a touchdown and had QB rating of 67.6... World League season was cut short due to wrist injury... Was 178th player drafted overall by the Steelers... In college, established school records with 467 pass completions and 62.9% completion rate... Completed career ranked third in school history in passing yards (5,037) and pass attempts (746).

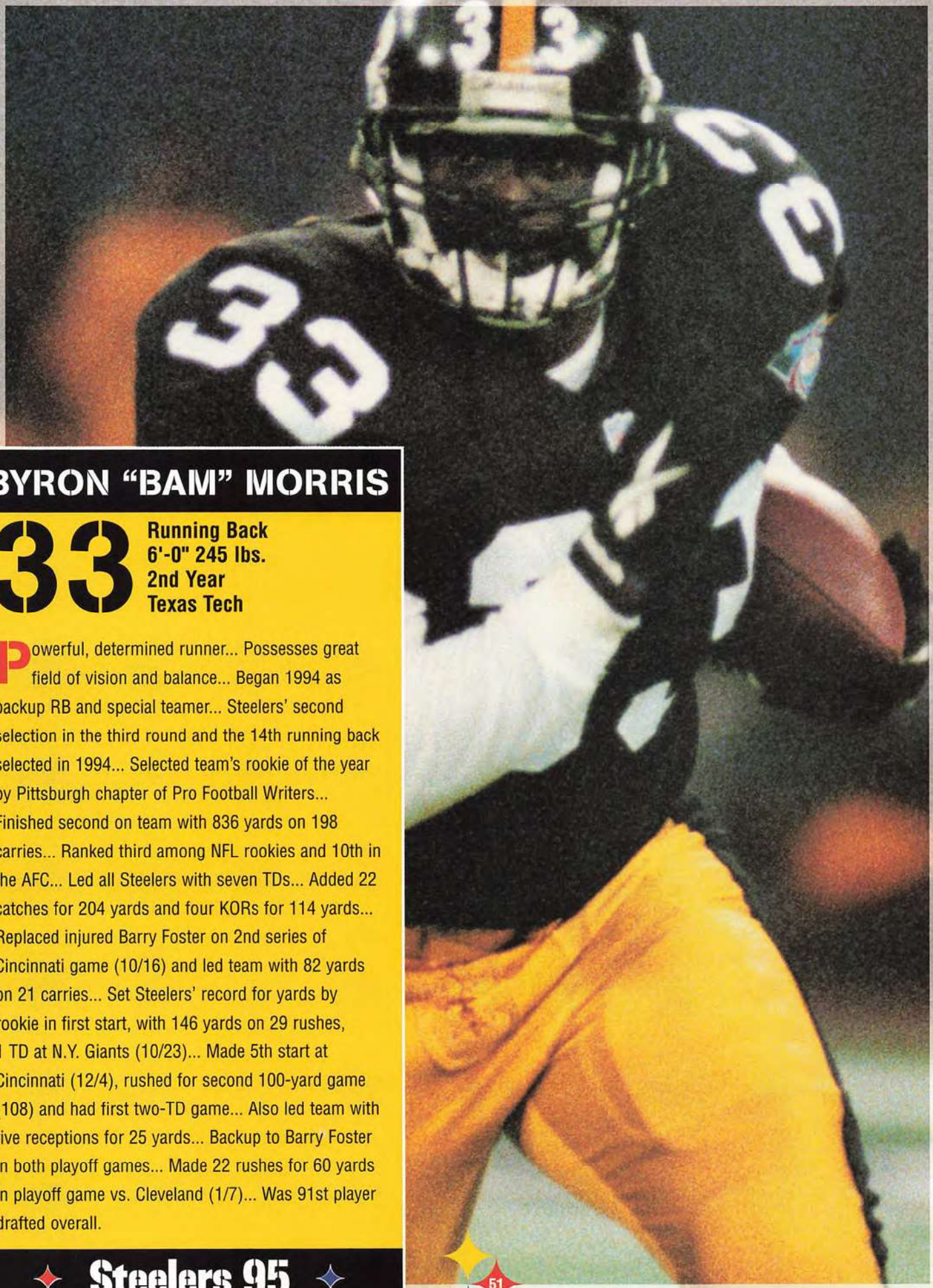


ERNIE MILLS

89

Wide Receiver
5'-11" 191 lbs.
5th Year
Florida

Dynamic, unsung athlete moved from third receiver to starting spotlight in second half of 1994... Emerged from playoffs with two 100-yard games... Played 15 games and made six starts in 1994... Caught 19 passes for 384 yards, one touchdown... Also ran 3 reverses for 18 yards and made two special teams tackles... 13 of his 19 grabs came after being named starter in Game 11 vs. Miami (11/20)... Hamstring injury forced to inactive list at Cleveland (9/11)... Made only touchdown of season on 14-yarder vs. Cincinnati (10/16)... Had career-long 43-yard reception vs. Houston (10/3)... Led team with 98 yards (3 catches), a regular-season career-high in first 1994 start vs. Miami (11/20)... Made regular-season high of four catches vs. Philadelphia (12/11)... Started both playoff games and gained first 100-yard game of career... Led all receivers with five receptions for 117 yards, including long of 50 yards in playoff game vs. Cleveland (1/7)... Responded with career-mark eight catches for 106 yards vs. San Diego in Championship game (1/15)... His eight catches ties for second in NFL Championship game history.



BYRON "BAM" MORRIS

33

Running Back
6'-0" 245 lbs.
2nd Year
Texas Tech

Powerful, determined runner... Possesses great field of vision and balance... Began 1994 as backup RB and special teamer... Steelers' second selection in the third round and the 14th running back selected in 1994... Selected team's rookie of the year by Pittsburgh chapter of Pro Football Writers... Finished second on team with 836 yards on 198 carries... Ranked third among NFL rookies and 10th in the AFC... Led all Steelers with seven TDs... Added 22 catches for 204 yards and four KORs for 114 yards... Replaced injured Barry Foster on 2nd series of Cincinnati game (10/16) and led team with 82 yards on 21 carries... Set Steelers' record for yards by rookie in first start, with 146 yards on 29 rushes, 1 TD at N.Y. Giants (10/23)... Made 5th start at Cincinnati (12/4), rushed for second 100-yard game (108) and had first two-TD game... Also led team with five receptions for 25 yards... Backup to Barry Foster in both playoff games... Made 22 rushes for 60 yards in playoff game vs. Cleveland (1/7)... Was 91st player drafted overall.

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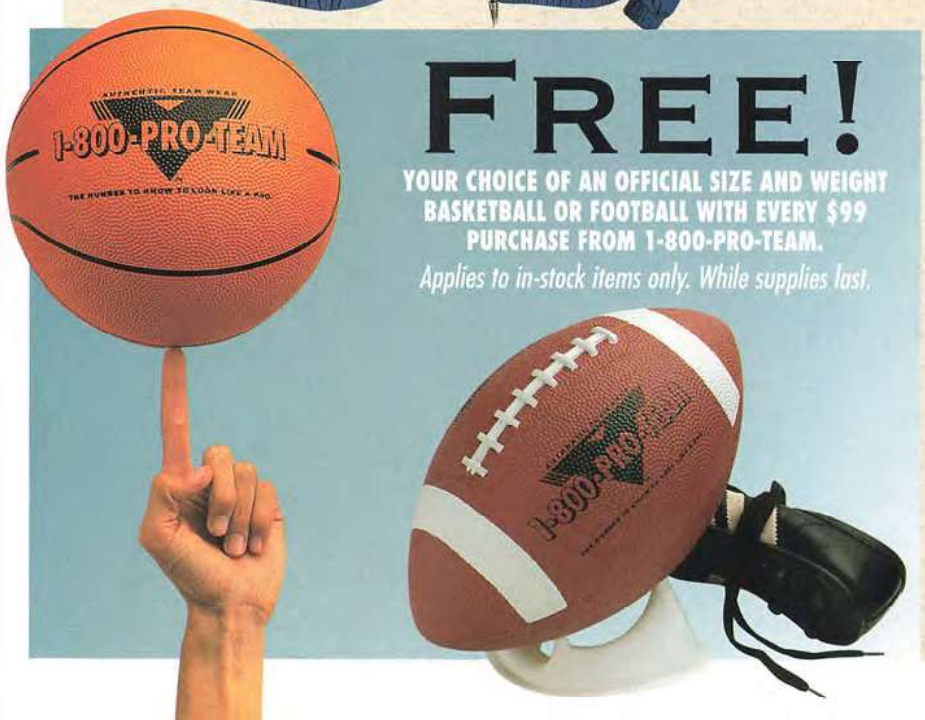

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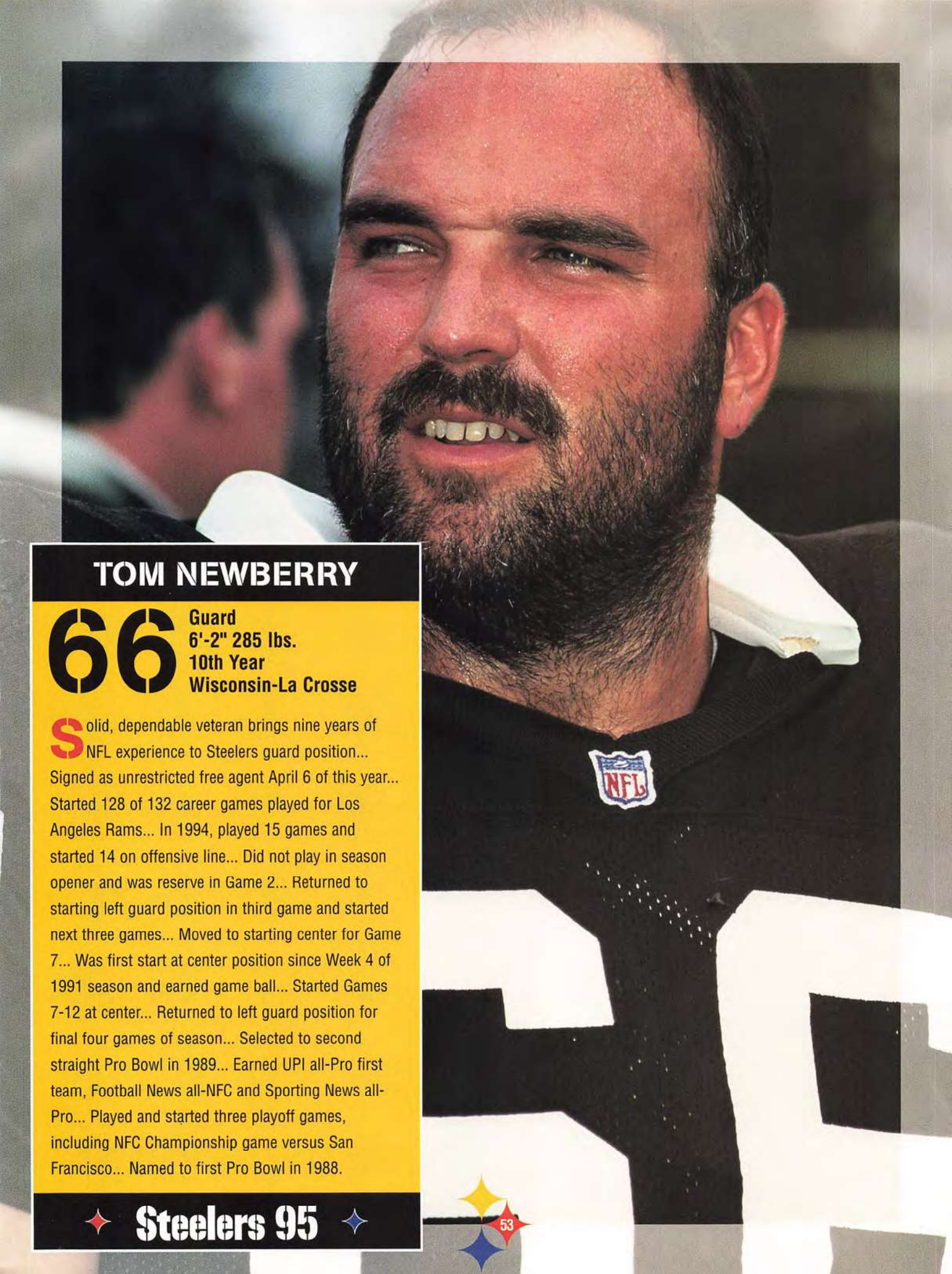
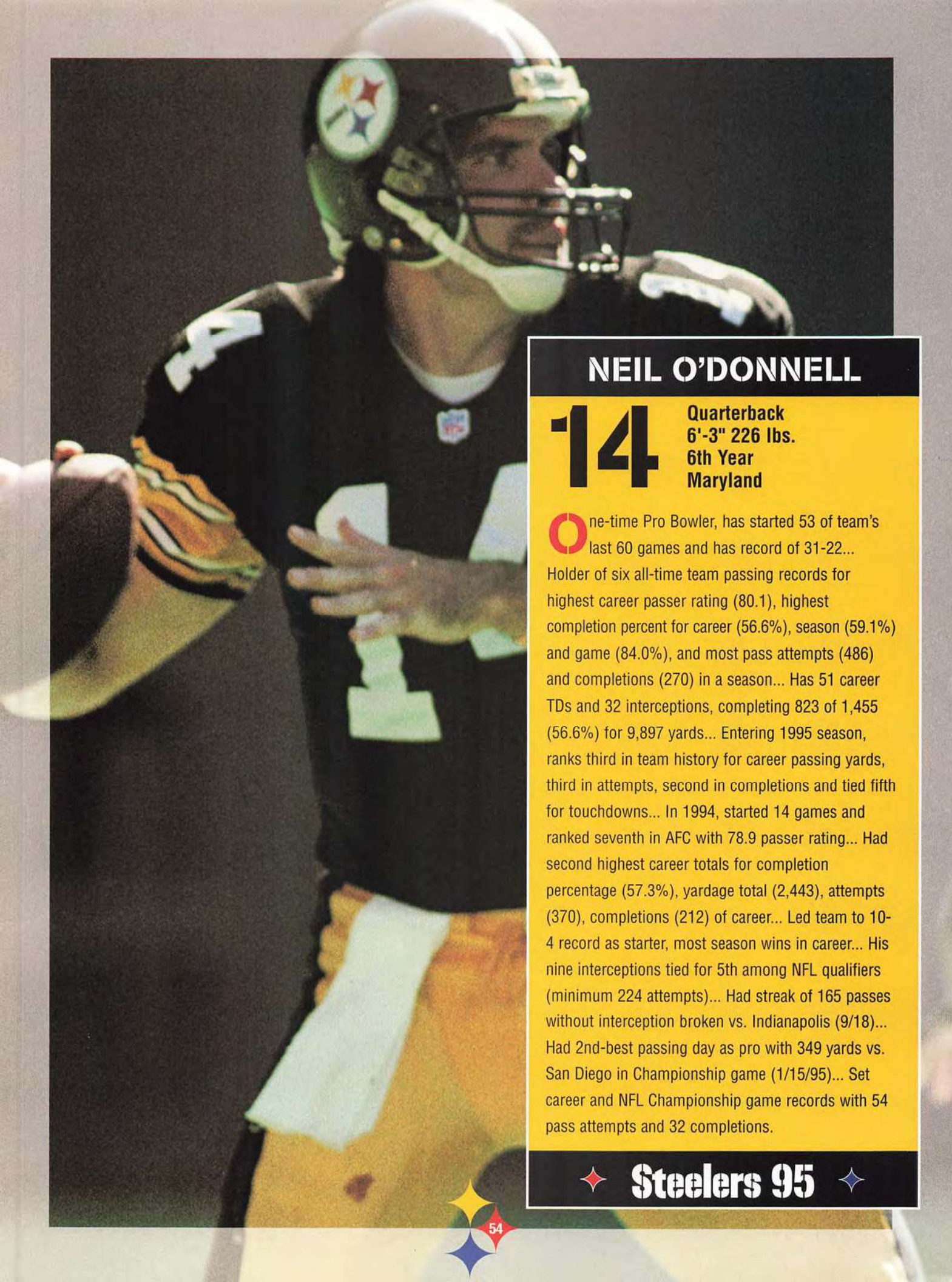


TOM NEWBERRY

66

Guard
6'-2" 285 lbs.
10th Year
Wisconsin-La Crosse

Solid, dependable veteran brings nine years of NFL experience to Steelers guard position... Signed as unrestricted free agent April 6 of this year... Started 128 of 132 career games played for Los Angeles Rams... In 1994, played 15 games and started 14 on offensive line... Did not play in season opener and was reserve in Game 2... Returned to starting left guard position in third game and started next three games... Moved to starting center for Game 7... Was first start at center position since Week 4 of 1991 season and earned game ball... Started Games 7-12 at center... Returned to left guard position for final four games of season... Selected to second straight Pro Bowl in 1989... Earned UPI all-Pro first team, Football News all-NFC and Sporting News all-Pro... Played and started three playoff games, including NFC Championship game versus San Francisco... Named to first Pro Bowl in 1988.

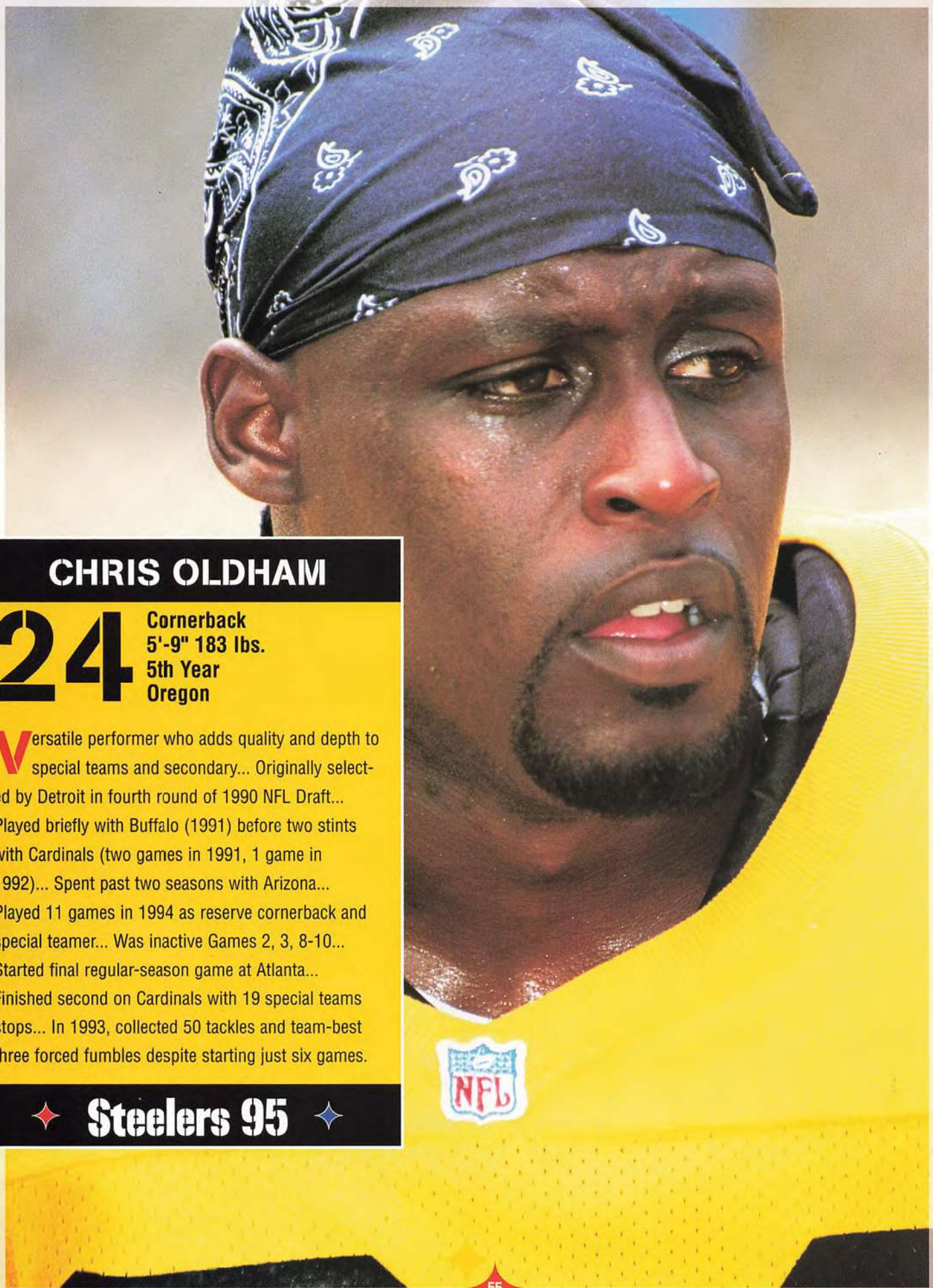


NEIL O'DONNELL

14

Quarterback
6'-3" 226 lbs.
6th Year
Maryland

One-time Pro Bowler, has started 53 of team's last 60 games and has record of 31-22... Holder of six all-time team passing records for highest career passer rating (80.1), highest completion percent for career (56.6%), season (59.1%) and game (84.0%), and most pass attempts (486) and completions (270) in a season... Has 51 career TDs and 32 interceptions, completing 823 of 1,455 (56.6%) for 9,897 yards... Entering 1995 season, ranks third in team history for career passing yards, third in attempts, second in completions and tied fifth for touchdowns... In 1994, started 14 games and ranked seventh in AFC with 78.9 passer rating... Had second highest career totals for completion percentage (57.3%), yardage total (2,443), attempts (370), completions (212) of career... Led team to 10-4 record as starter, most season wins in career... His nine interceptions tied for 5th among NFL qualifiers (minimum 224 attempts)... Had streak of 165 passes without interception broken vs. Indianapolis (9/18)... Had 2nd-best passing day as pro with 349 yards vs. San Diego in Championship game (1/15/95)... Set career and NFL Championship game records with 54 pass attempts and 32 completions.



CHRIS OLDHAM

24

Cornerback
5'-9" 183 lbs.
5th Year
Oregon

Versatile performer who adds quality and depth to special teams and secondary... Originally selected by Detroit in fourth round of 1990 NFL Draft... Played briefly with Buffalo (1991) before two stints with Cardinals (two games in 1991, 1 game in 1992)... Spent past two seasons with Arizona... Played 11 games in 1994 as reserve cornerback and special teamer... Was inactive Games 2, 3, 8-10... Started final regular-season game at Atlanta... Finished second on Cardinals with 19 special teams stops... In 1993, collected 50 tackles and team-best three forced fumbles despite starting just six games.

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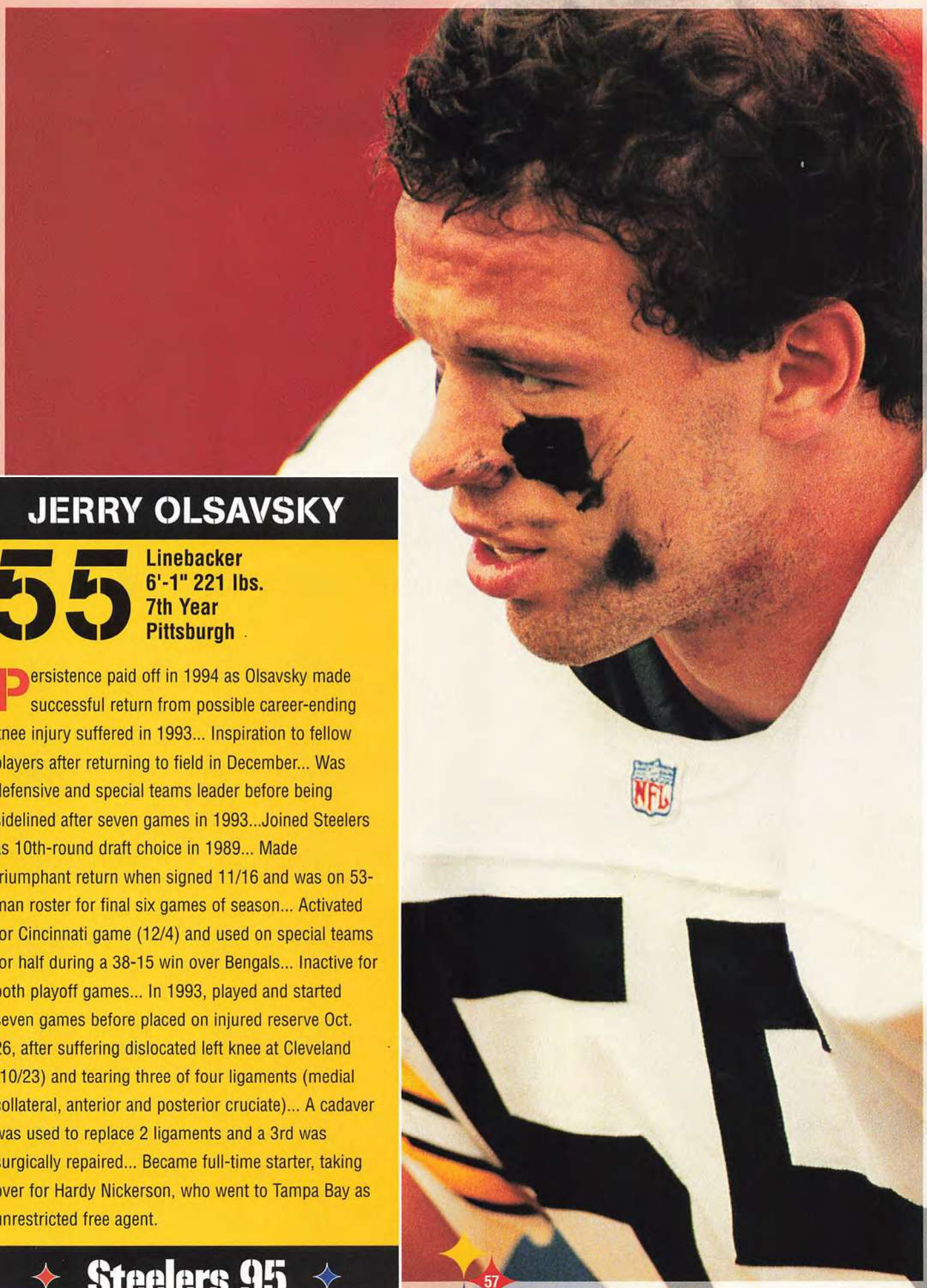
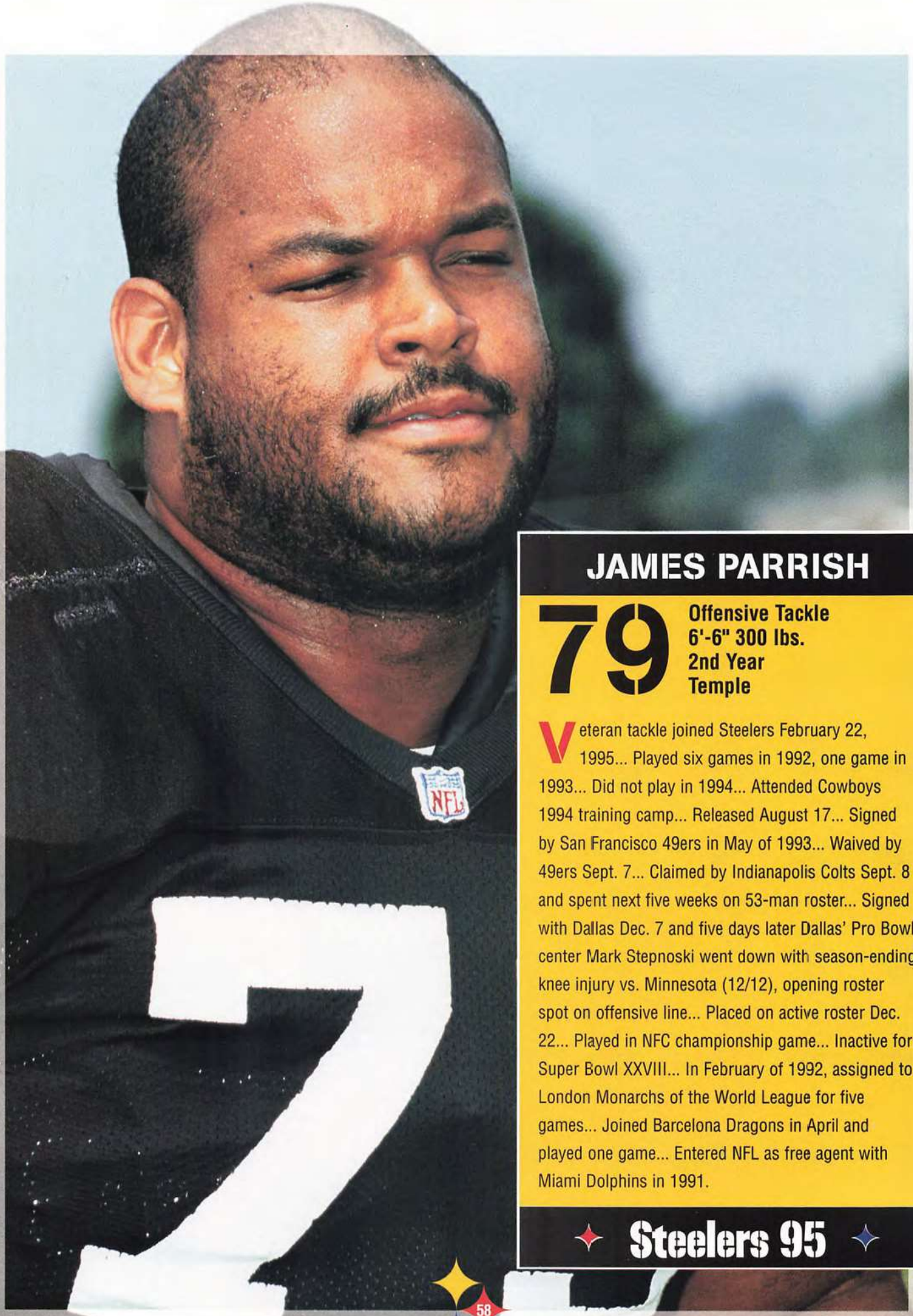


JERRY OLSAVSKY

55

Linebacker
6'-1" 221 lbs.
7th Year
Pittsburgh

Persistence paid off in 1994 as Olsavsky made successful return from possible career-ending knee injury suffered in 1993... Inspiration to fellow players after returning to field in December... Was defensive and special teams leader before being sidelined after seven games in 1993...Joined Steelers as 10th-round draft choice in 1989... Made triumphant return when signed 11/16 and was on 53-man roster for final six games of season... Activated for Cincinnati game (12/4) and used on special teams for half during a 38-15 win over Bengals... Inactive for both playoff games... In 1993, played and started seven games before placed on injured reserve Oct. 26, after suffering dislocated left knee at Cleveland (10/23) and tearing three of four ligaments (medial collateral, anterior and posterior cruciate)... A cadaver was used to replace 2 ligaments and a 3rd was surgically repaired... Became full-time starter, taking over for Hardy Nickerson, who went to Tampa Bay as unrestricted free agent.



JAMES PARRISH

79

Offensive Tackle
6'-6" 300 lbs.
2nd Year
Temple

Veteran tackle joined Steelers February 22, 1995... Played six games in 1992, one game in 1993... Did not play in 1994... Attended Cowboys 1994 training camp... Released August 17... Signed by San Francisco 49ers in May of 1993... Waived by 49ers Sept. 7... Claimed by Indianapolis Colts Sept. 8 and spent next five weeks on 53-man roster... Signed with Dallas Dec. 7 and five days later Dallas' Pro Bowl center Mark Stepnoski went down with season-ending knee injury vs. Minnesota (12/12), opening roster spot on offensive line... Placed on active roster Dec. 22... Played in NFC championship game... Inactive for Super Bowl XXVIII... In February of 1992, assigned to London Monarchs of the World League for five games... Joined Barcelona Dragons in April and played one game... Entered NFL as free agent with Miami Dolphins in 1991.

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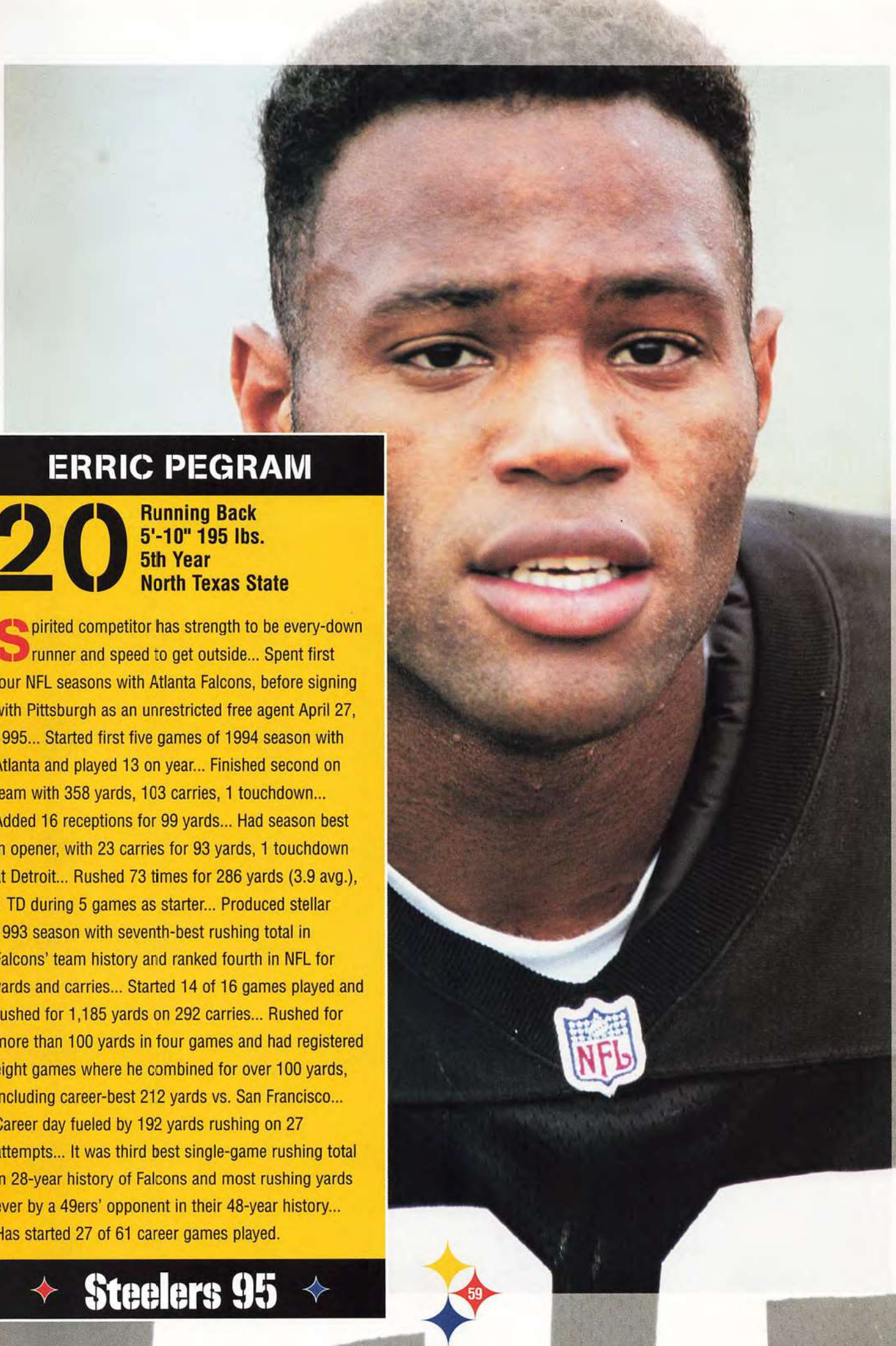
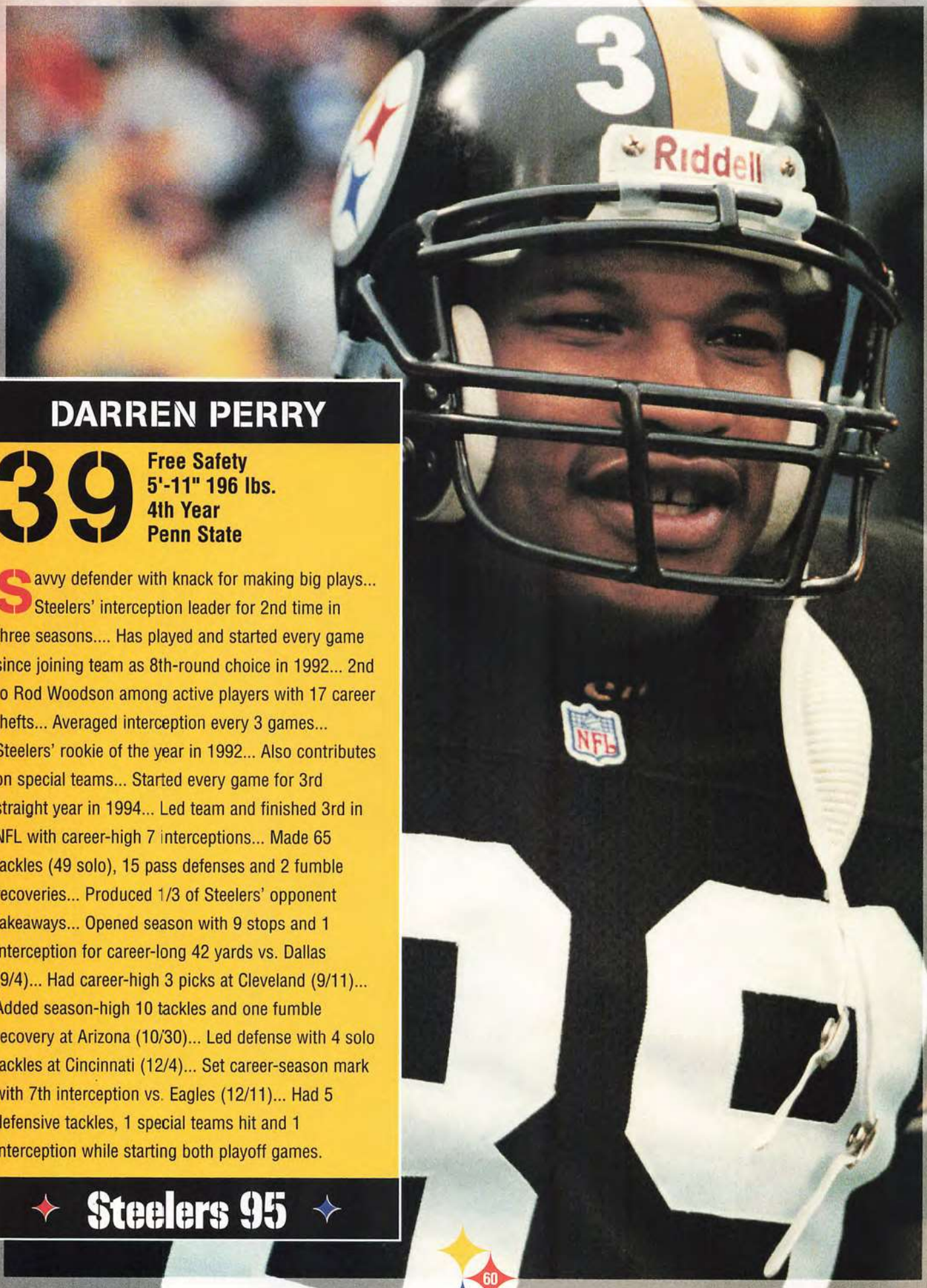


ERRIC PEGRAM

20

Running Back
5'-10" 195 lbs.
5th Year
North Texas State

Spirited competitor has strength to be every-down runner and speed to get outside... Spent first four NFL seasons with Atlanta Falcons, before signing with Pittsburgh as an unrestricted free agent April 27, 1995... Started first five games of 1994 season with Atlanta and played 13 on year... Finished second on team with 358 yards, 103 carries, 1 touchdown... Added 16 receptions for 99 yards... Had season best in opener, with 23 carries for 93 yards, 1 touchdown at Detroit... Rushed 73 times for 286 yards (3.9 avg.), 1 TD during 5 games as starter... Produced stellar 1993 season with seventh-best rushing total in Falcons' team history and ranked fourth in NFL for yards and carries... Started 14 of 16 games played and rushed for 1,185 yards on 292 carries... Rushed for more than 100 yards in four games and had registered eight games where he combined for over 100 yards, including career-best 212 yards vs. San Francisco... Career day fueled by 192 yards rushing on 27 attempts... It was third best single-game rushing total in 28-year history of Falcons and most rushing yards ever by a 49ers' opponent in their 48-year history... Has started 27 of 61 career games played.

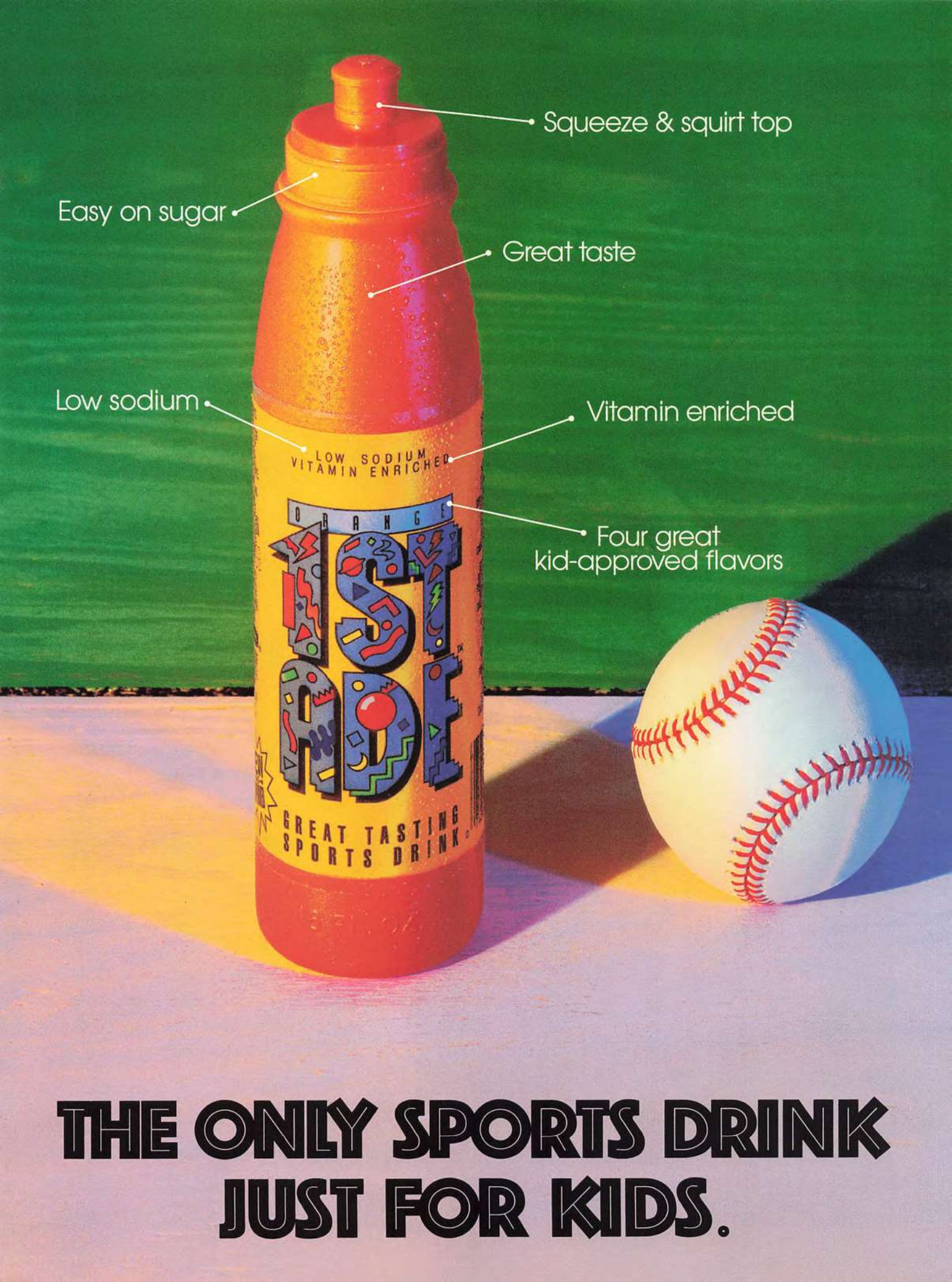


DARREN PERRY

39

Free Safety
5'-11" 196 lbs.
4th Year
Penn State

Savvy defender with knack for making big plays... Steelers' interception leader for 2nd time in three seasons.... Has played and started every game since joining team as 8th-round choice in 1992... 2nd to Rod Woodson among active players with 17 career thefts... Averaged interception every 3 games... Steelers' rookie of the year in 1992... Also contributes on special teams... Started every game for 3rd straight year in 1994... Led team and finished 3rd in NFL with career-high 7 interceptions... Made 65 tackles (49 solo), 15 pass defenses and 2 fumble recoveries... Produced 1/3 of Steelers' opponent takeaways... Opened season with 9 stops and 1 interception for career-long 42 yards vs. Dallas (9/4)... Had career-high 3 picks at Cleveland (9/11)... Added season-high 10 tackles and one fumble recovery at Arizona (10/30)... Led defense with 4 solo tackles at Cincinnati (12/4)... Set career-season mark with 7th interception vs. Eagles (12/11)... Had 5 defensive tackles, 1 special teams hit and 1 interception while starting both playoff games.



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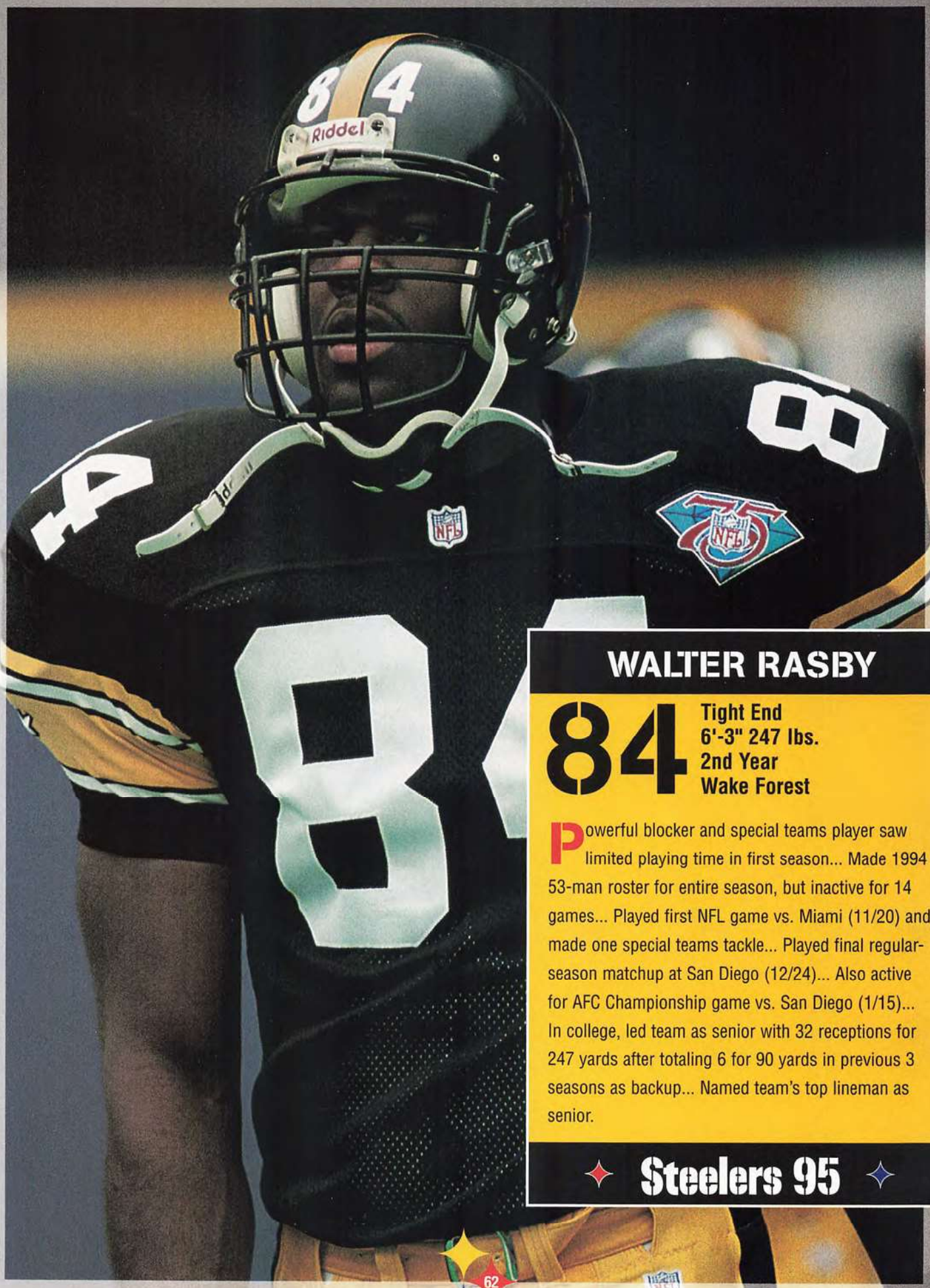

WALTER RASBY

84

Tight End
6'-3" 247 lbs.
2nd Year
Wake Forest

Powerful blocker and special teams player saw limited playing time in first season... Made 1994 53-man roster for entire season, but inactive for 14 games... Played first NFL game vs. Miami (11/20) and made one special teams tackle... Played final regular-season matchup at San Diego (12/24)... Also active for AFC Championship game vs. San Diego (1/15)... In college, led team as senior with 32 receptions for 247 yards after totaling 6 for 90 yards in previous 3 seasons as backup... Named team's top lineman as senior.

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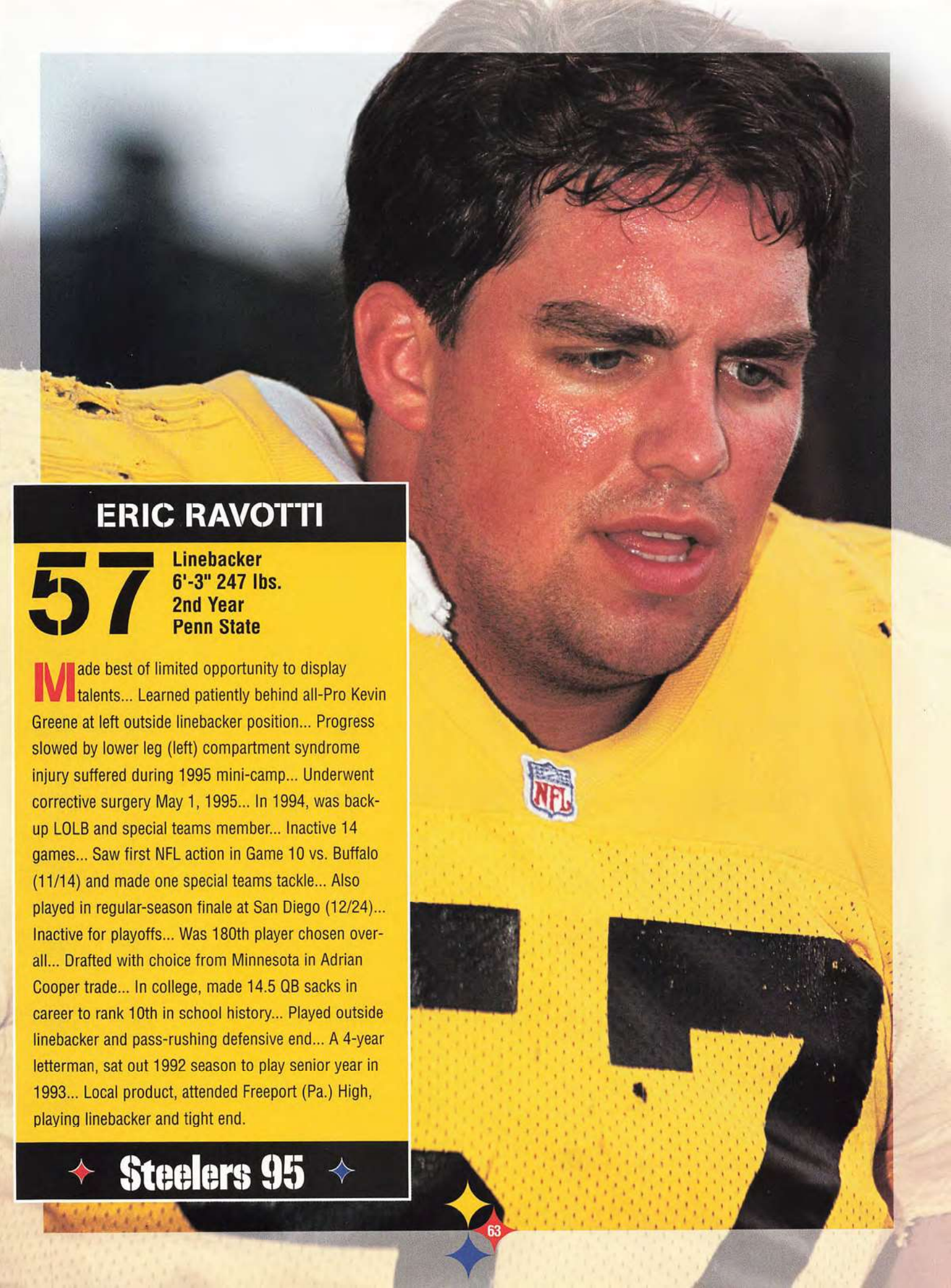

ERIC RAVOTTI

57

Linebacker
6'-3" 247 lbs.
2nd Year
Penn State

Made best of limited opportunity to display talents... Learned patiently behind all-Pro Kevin Greene at left outside linebacker position... Progress slowed by lower leg (left) compartment syndrome injury suffered during 1995 mini-camp... Underwent corrective surgery May 1, 1995... In 1994, was back-up LOLB and special teams member... Inactive 14 games... Saw first NFL action in Game 10 vs. Buffalo (11/14) and made one special teams tackle... Also played in regular-season finale at San Diego (12/24)... Inactive for playoffs... Was 180th player chosen over-all... Drafted with choice from Minnesota in Adrian Cooper trade... In college, made 14.5 QB sacks in career to rank 10th in school history... Played outside linebacker and pass-rushing defensive end... A 4-year letterman, sat out 1992 season to play senior year in 1993... Local product, attended Freeport (Pa.) High, playing linebacker and tight end.

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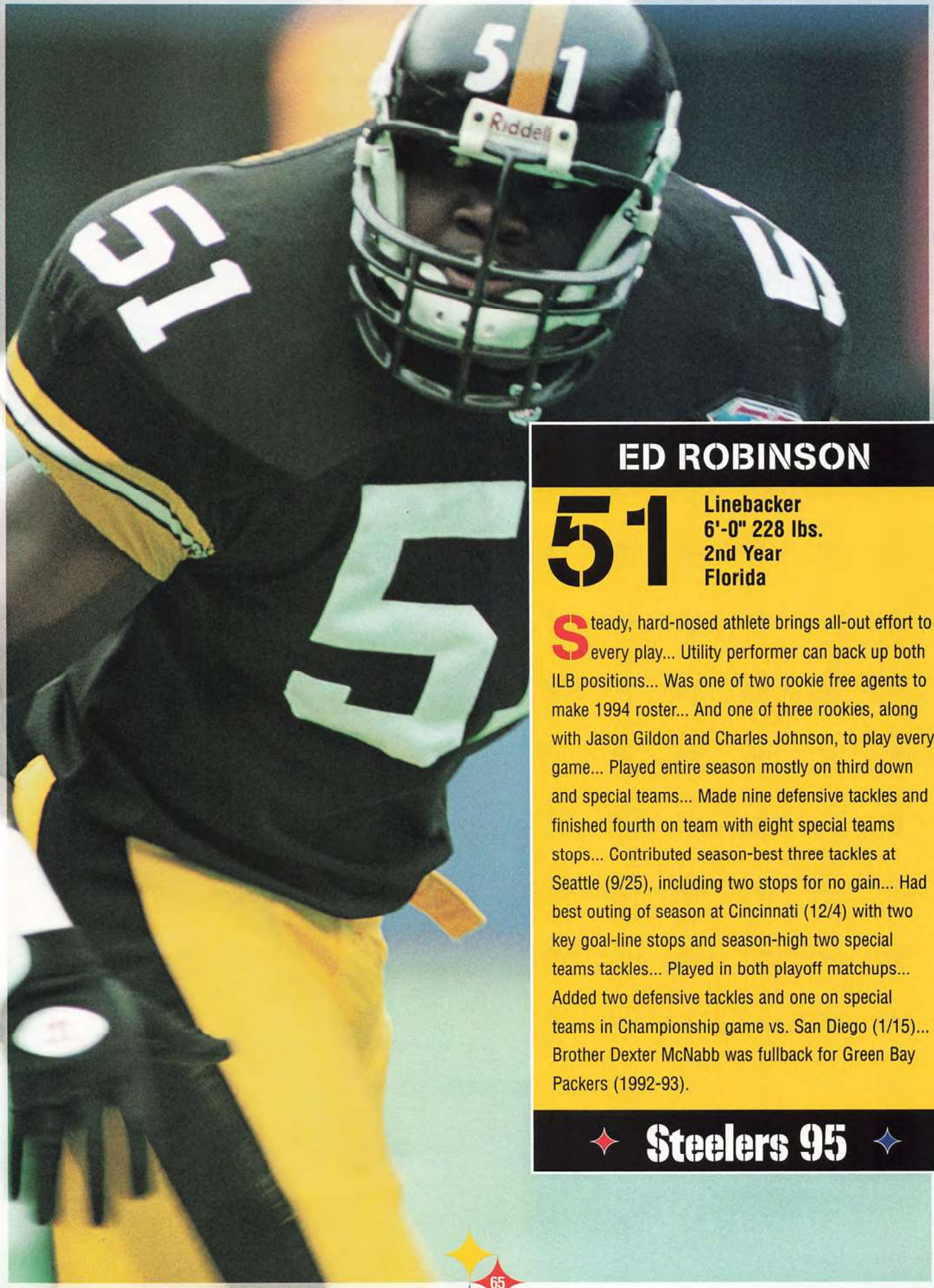
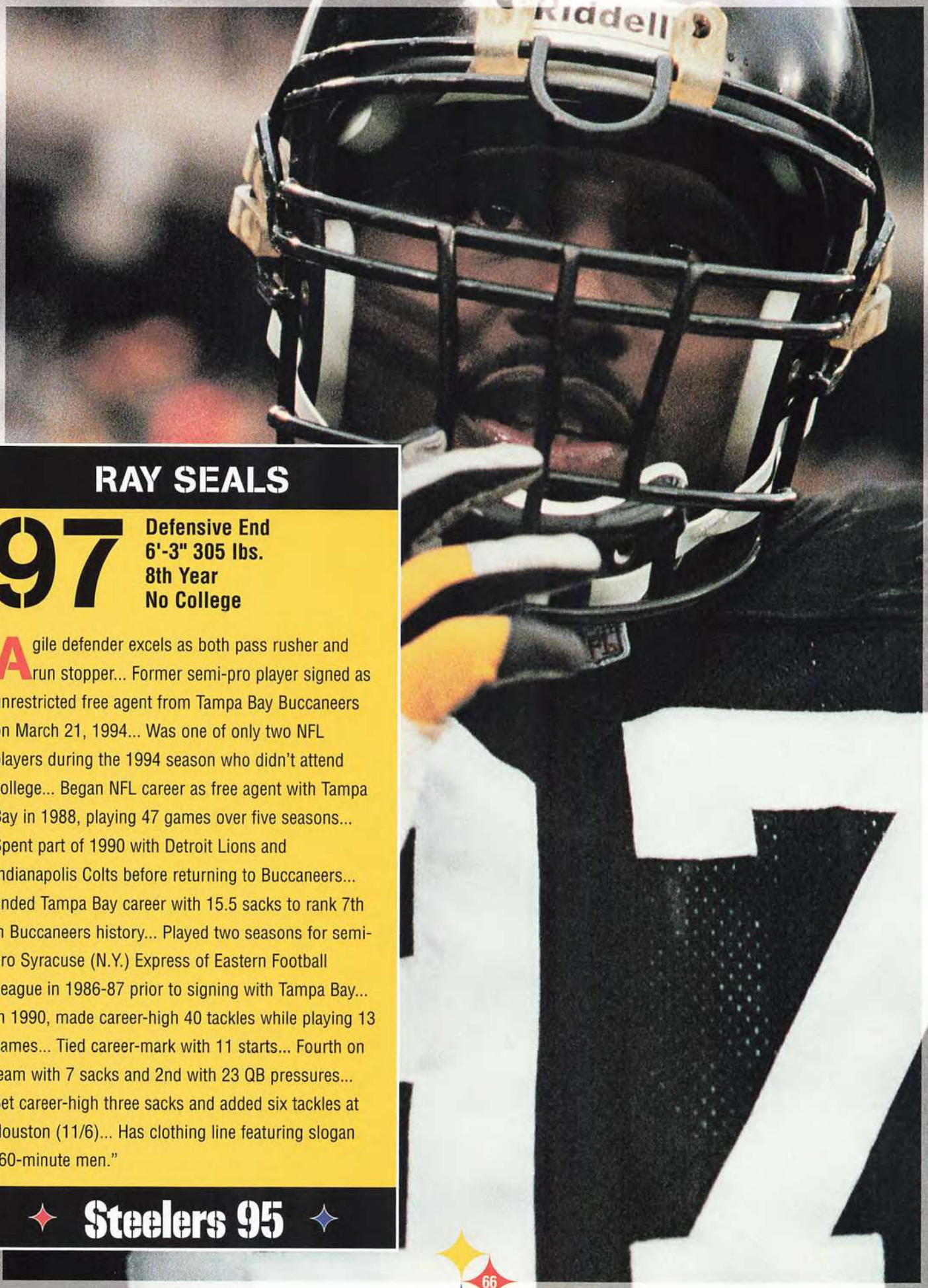


ED ROBINSON

51

Linebacker
6'-0" 228 lbs.
2nd Year
Florida

Steady, hard-nosed athlete brings all-out effort to every play... Utility performer can back up both ILB positions... Was one of two rookie free agents to make 1994 roster... And one of three rookies, along with Jason Gildon and Charles Johnson, to play every game... Played entire season mostly on third down and special teams... Made nine defensive tackles and finished fourth on team with eight special teams stops... Contributed season-best three tackles at Seattle (9/25), including two stops for no gain... Had best outing of season at Cincinnati (12/4) with two key goal-line stops and season-high two special teams tackles... Played in both playoff matchups... Added two defensive tackles and one on special teams in Championship game vs. San Diego (1/15)... Brother Dexter McNabb was fullback for Green Bay Packers (1992-93).



RAY SEALS

97

Defensive End
6'-3" 305 lbs.
8th Year
No College

Agile defender excels as both pass rusher and run stopper... Former semi-pro player signed as unrestricted free agent from Tampa Bay Buccaneers on March 21, 1994... Was one of only two NFL players during the 1994 season who didn't attend college... Began NFL career as free agent with Tampa Bay in 1988, playing 47 games over five seasons... Spent part of 1990 with Detroit Lions and Indianapolis Colts before returning to Buccaneers... Ended Tampa Bay career with 15.5 sacks to rank 7th in Buccaneers history... Played two seasons for semi-pro Syracuse (N.Y.) Express of Eastern Football League in 1986-87 prior to signing with Tampa Bay... In 1990, made career-high 40 tackles while playing 13 games... Tied career-mark with 11 starts... Fourth on team with 7 sacks and 2nd with 23 QB pressures... Set career-high three sacks and added six tackles at Houston (11/6)... Has clothing line featuring slogan "60-minute men."

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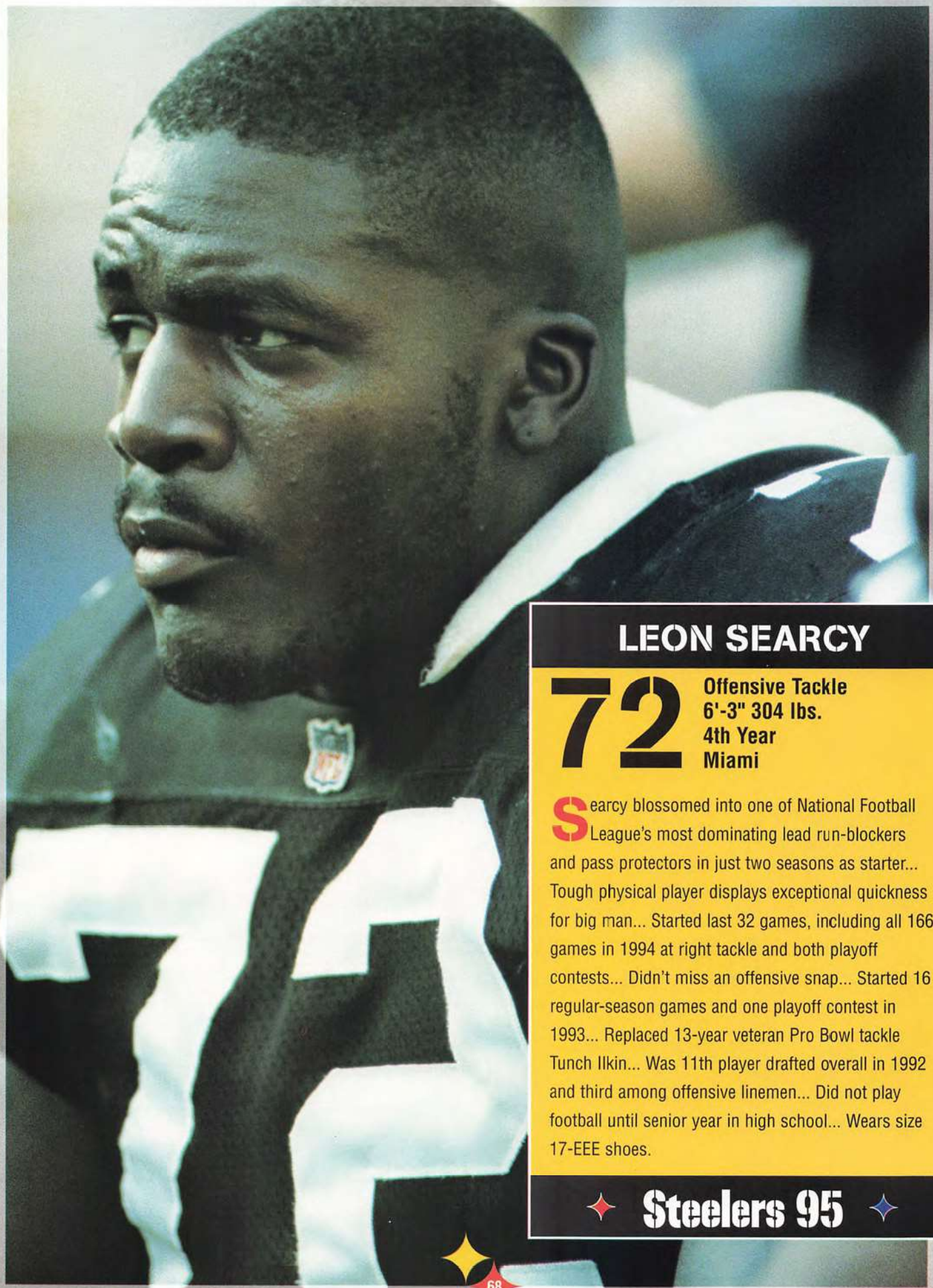

LEON SEARCY

72

Offensive Tackle
6'-3" 304 lbs.
4th Year
Miami

Searcy blossomed into one of National Football League's most dominating lead run-blockers and pass protectors in just two seasons as starter... Tough physical player displays exceptional quickness for big man... Started last 32 games, including all 166 games in 1994 at right tackle and both playoff contests... Didn't miss an offensive snap... Started 16 regular-season games and one playoff contest in 1993... Replaced 13-year veteran Pro Bowl tackle Tunch Ilkin... Was 11th player drafted overall in 1992 and third among offensive linemen... Did not play football until senior year in high school... Wears size 17-EEE shoes.

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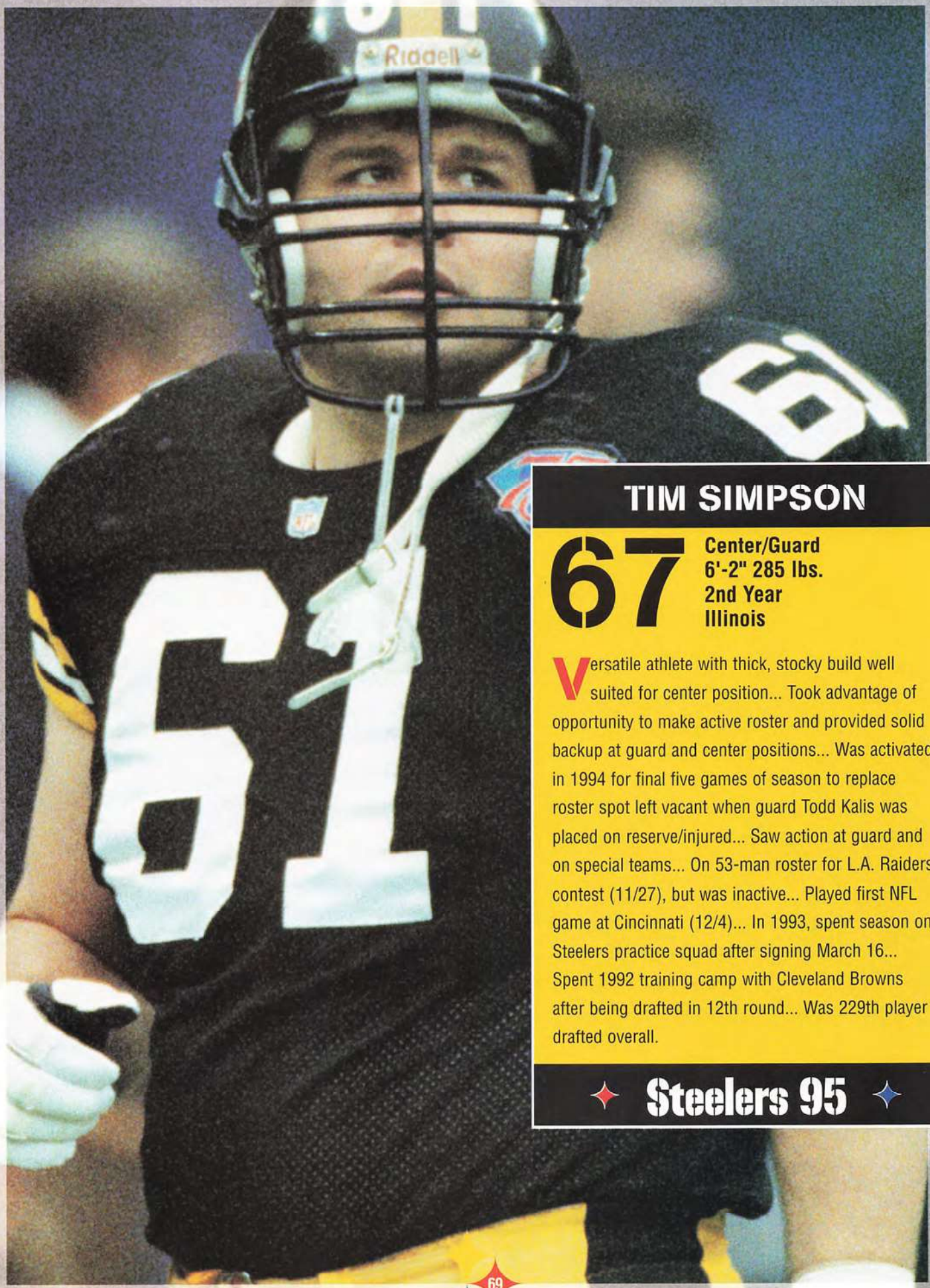

TIM SIMPSON

67

Center/Guard
6'-2" 285 lbs.
2nd Year
Illinois

Versatile athlete with thick, stocky build well suited for center position... Took advantage of opportunity to make active roster and provided solid backup at guard and center positions... Was activated in 1994 for final five games of season to replace roster spot left vacant when guard Todd Kalis was placed on reserve/injured... Saw action at guard and on special teams... On 53-man roster for L.A. Raiders contest (11/27), but was inactive... Played first NFL game at Cincinnati (12/4)... In 1993, spent season on Steelers practice squad after signing March 16... Spent 1992 training camp with Cleveland Browns after being drafted in 12th round... Was 229th player drafted overall.

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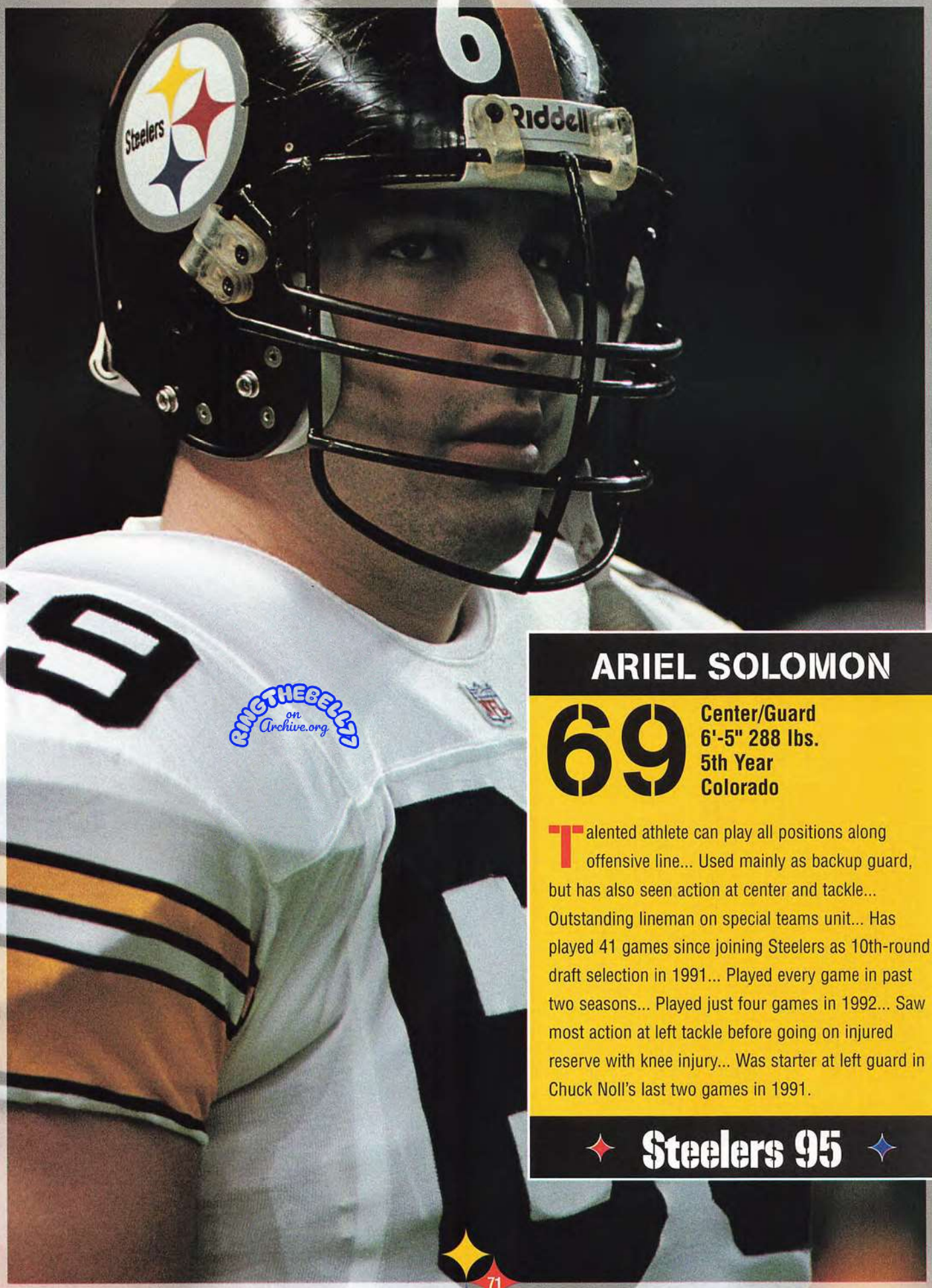

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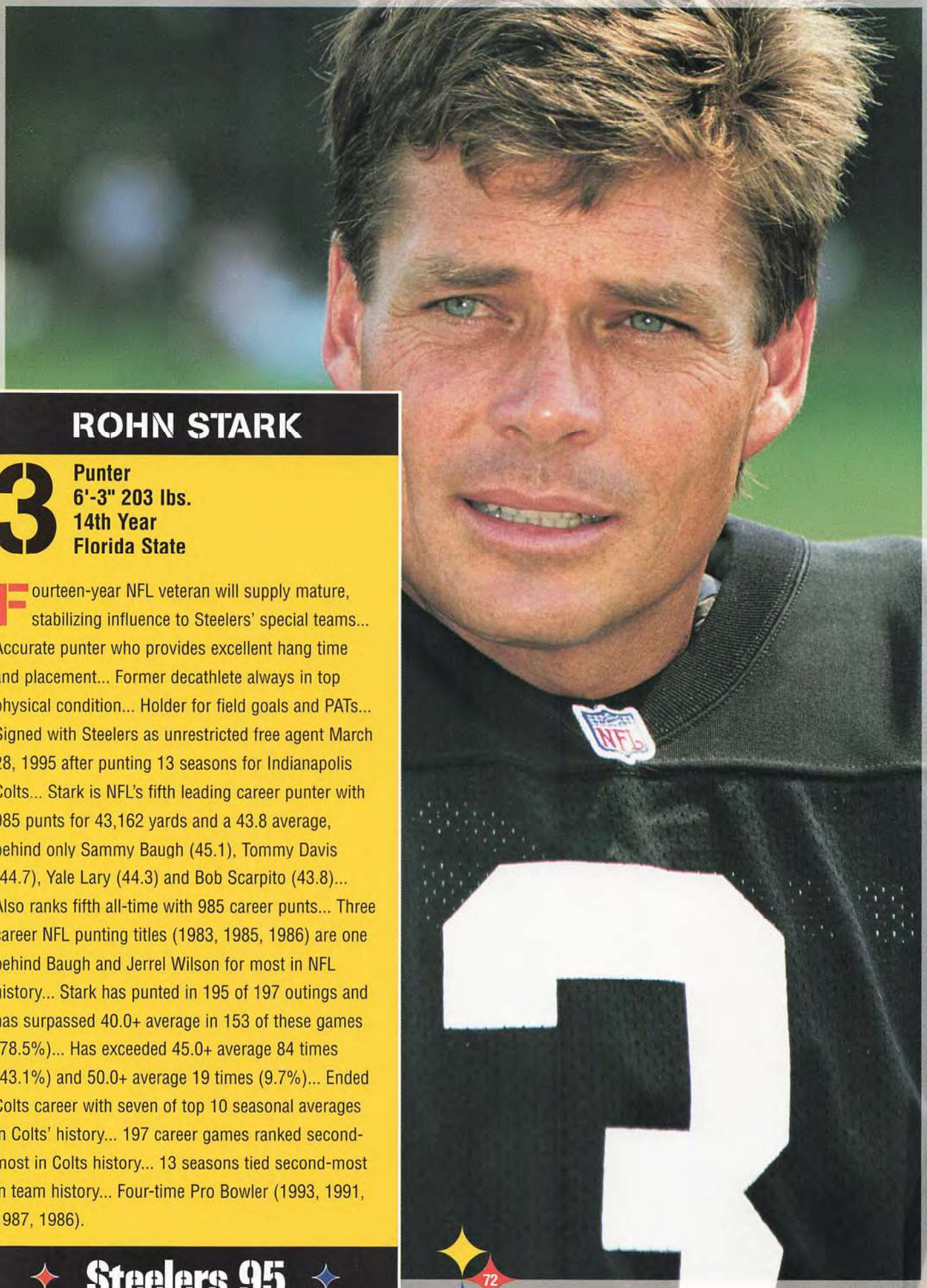
ARIEL SOLOMON

69

Center/Guard
6'-5" 288 lbs.
5th Year
Colorado

Talented athlete can play all positions along offensive line... Used mainly as backup guard, but has also seen action at center and tackle... Outstanding lineman on special teams unit... Has played 41 games since joining Steelers as 10th-round draft selection in 1991... Played every game in past two seasons... Played just four games in 1992... Saw most action at left tackle before going on injured reserve with knee injury... Was starter at left guard in Chuck Noll's last two games in 1991.

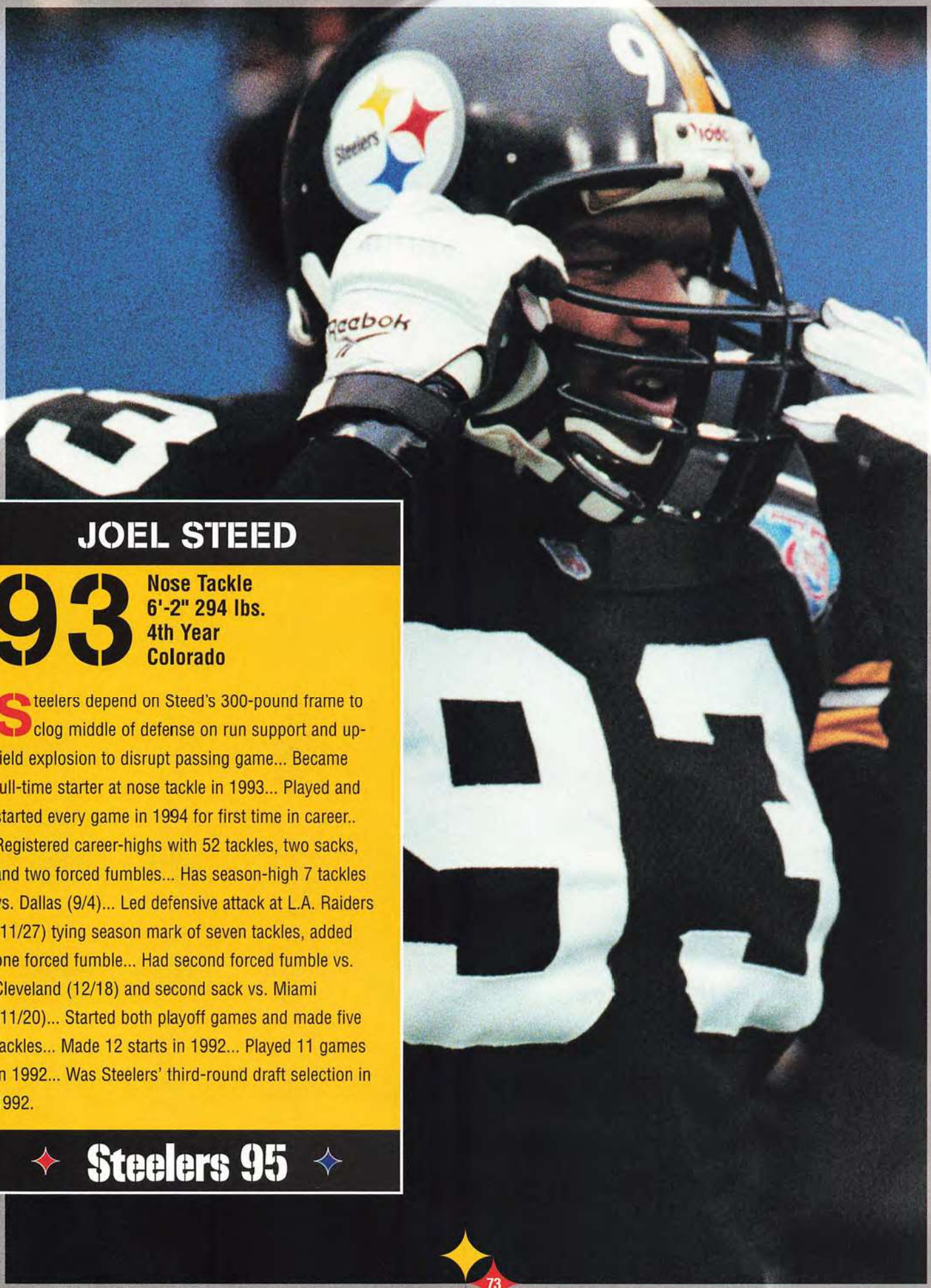


ROHN STARK

3

Punter
6'-3" 203 lbs.
14th Year
Florida State

Fourteen-year NFL veteran will supply mature, stabilizing influence to Steelers' special teams... Accurate punter who provides excellent hang time and placement... Former decathlete always in top physical condition... Holder for field goals and PATs... Signed with Steelers as unrestricted free agent March 28, 1995 after punting 13 seasons for Indianapolis Colts... Stark is NFL's fifth leading career punter with 985 punts for 43,162 yards and a 43.8 average, behind only Sammy Baugh (45.1), Tommy Davis (44.7), Yale Lary (44.3) and Bob Scarpito (43.8)... Also ranks fifth all-time with 985 career punts... Three career NFL punting titles (1983, 1985, 1986) are one behind Baugh and Jerrel Wilson for most in NFL history... Stark has punted in 195 of 197 outings and has surpassed 40.0+ average in 153 of these games (78.5%)... Has exceeded 45.0+ average 84 times (43.1%) and 50.0+ average 19 times (9.7%)... Ended Colts career with seven of top 10 seasonal averages in Colts' history... 197 career games ranked second-most in Colts history... 13 seasons tied second-most in team history... Four-time Pro Bowler (1993, 1991, 1987, 1986).



JOEL STEED

93

Nose Tackle
6'-2" 294 lbs.
4th Year
Colorado

Steelers depend on Steed's 300-pound frame to clog middle of defense on run support and upfield explosion to disrupt passing game... Became full-time starter at nose tackle in 1993... Played and started every game in 1994 for first time in career.. Registered career-highs with 52 tackles, two sacks, and two forced fumbles... Has season-high 7 tackles vs. Dallas (9/4)... Led defensive attack at L.A. Raiders (11/27) tying season mark of seven tackles, added one forced fumble... Had second forced fumble vs. Cleveland (12/18) and second sack vs. Miami (11/20)... Started both playoff games and made five tackles... Made 12 starts in 1992... Played 11 games in 1992... Was Steelers' third-round draft selection in 1992.

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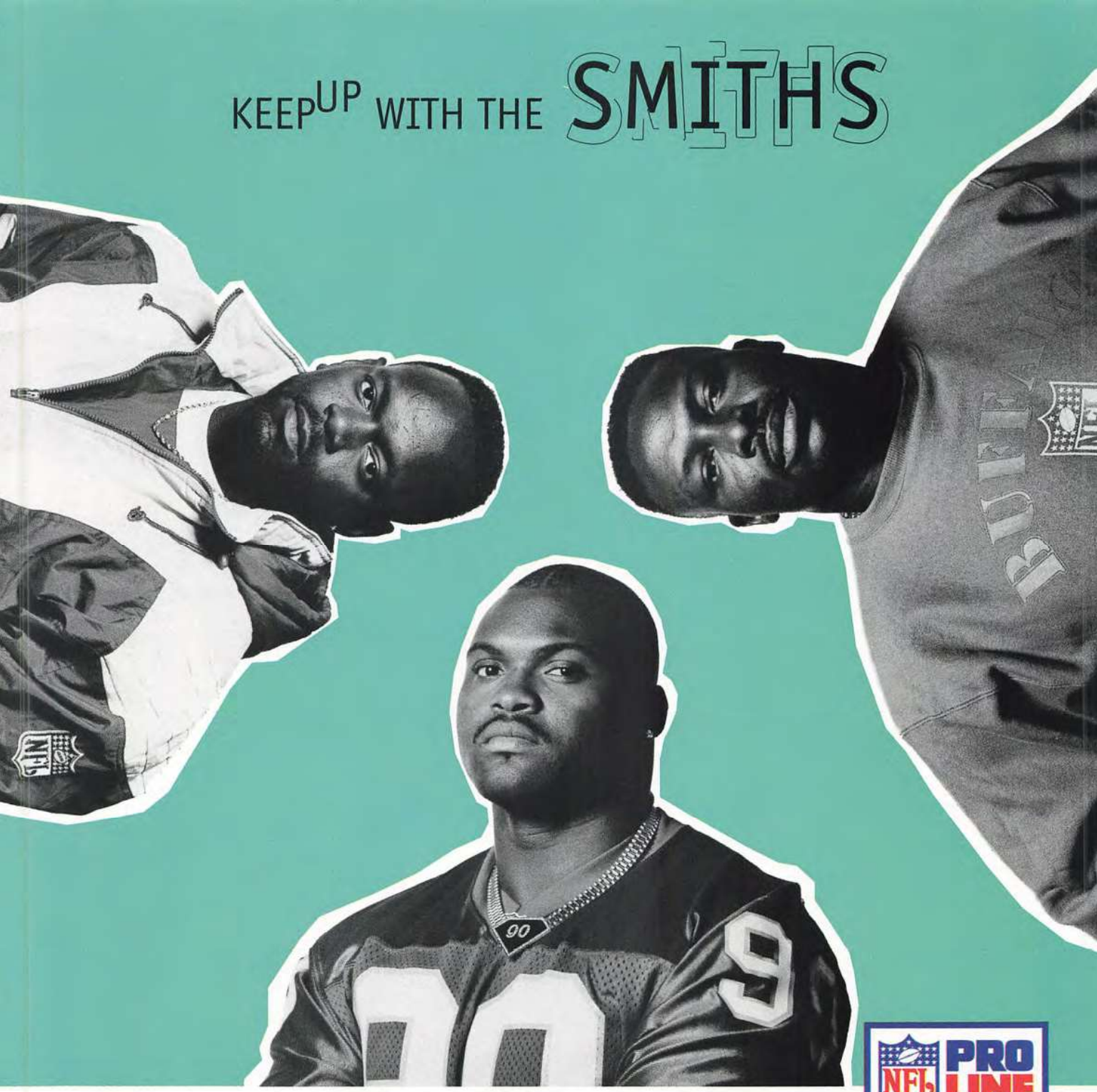

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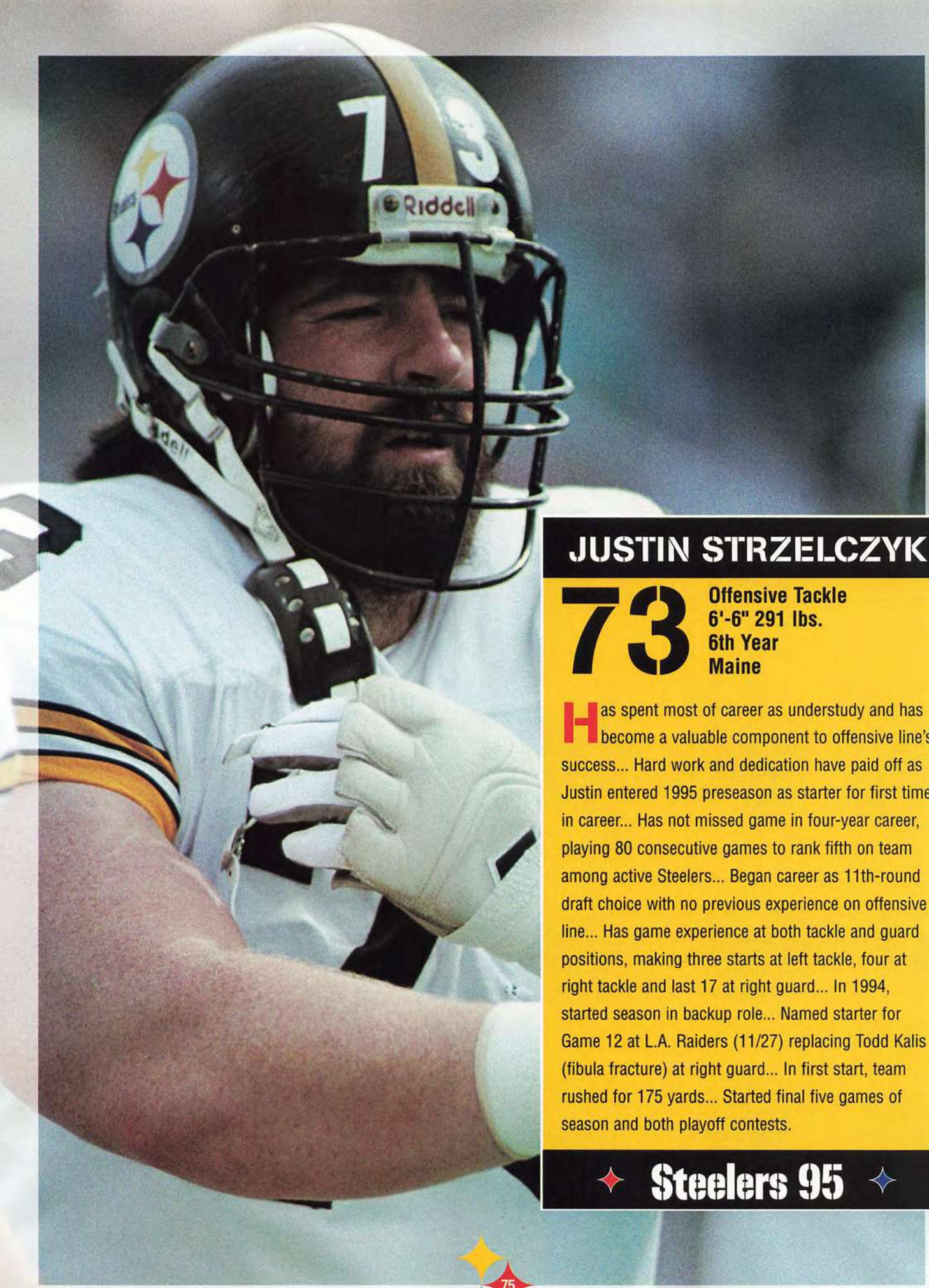

JUSTIN STRZELCZYK

73

Offensive Tackle
6'-6" 291 lbs.
6th Year
Maine

Has spent most of career as understudy and has become a valuable component to offensive line's success... Hard work and dedication have paid off as Justin entered 1995 preseason as starter for first time in career... Has not missed game in four-year career, playing 80 consecutive games to rank fifth on team among active Steelers... Began career as 11th-round draft choice with no previous experience on offensive line... Has game experience at both tackle and guard positions, making three starts at left tackle, four at right tackle and last 17 at right guard... In 1994, started season in backup role... Named starter for Game 12 at L.A. Raiders (11/27) replacing Todd Kalis (fibula fracture) at right guard... In first start, team rushed for 175 yards... Started final five games of season and both playoff contests.

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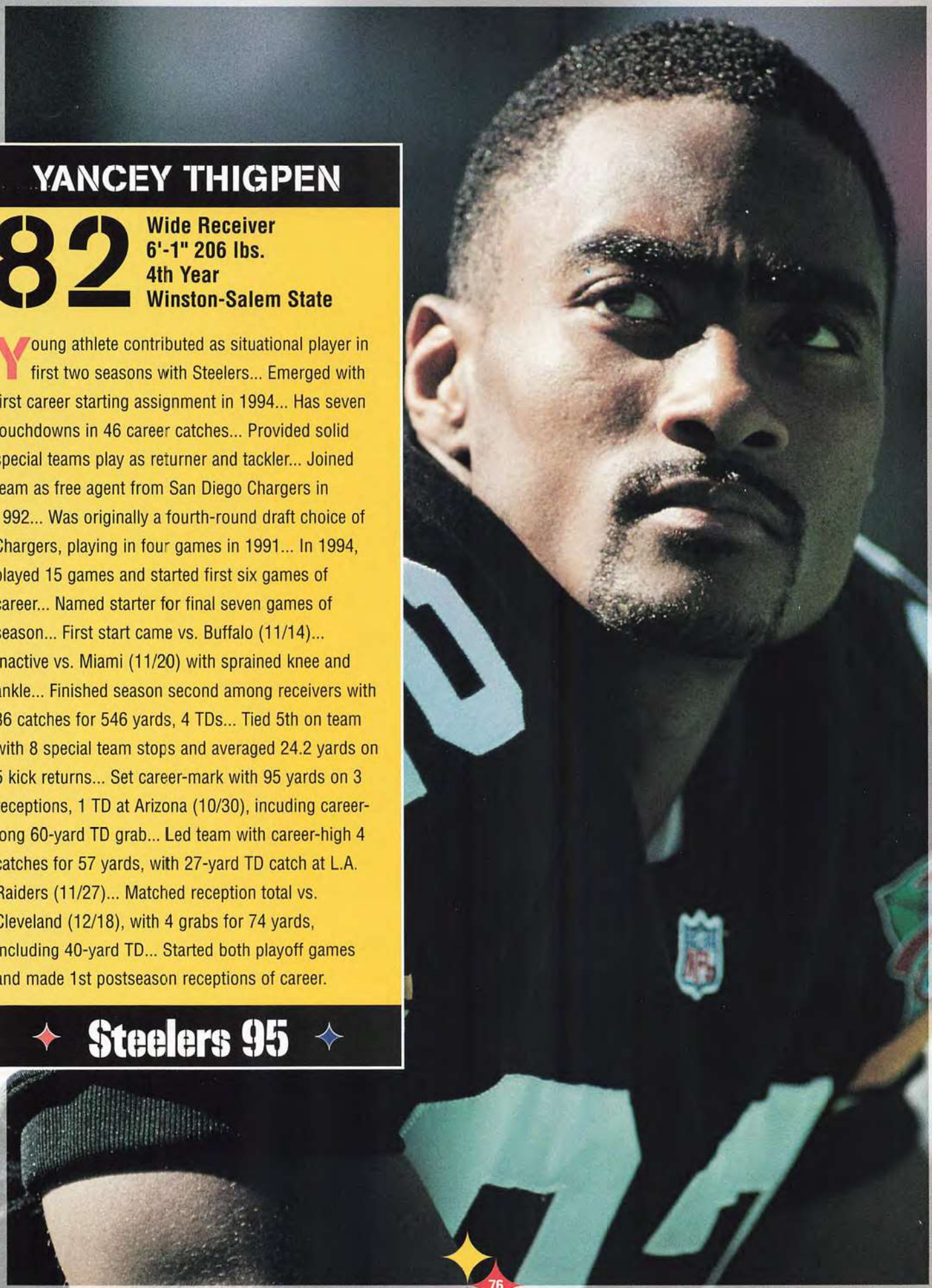

YANCEY THIGPEN

82

Wide Receiver
6'-1" 206 lbs.
4th Year
Winston-Salem State

Young athlete contributed as situational player in first two seasons with Steelers... Emerged with first career starting assignment in 1994... Has seven touchdowns in 46 career catches... Provided solid special teams play as returner and tackler... Joined team as free agent from San Diego Chargers in 1992... Was originally a fourth-round draft choice of Chargers, playing in four games in 1991... In 1994, played 15 games and started first six games of career... Named starter for final seven games of season... First start came vs. Buffalo (11/14)... Inactive vs. Miami (11/20) with sprained knee and ankle... Finished season second among receivers with 36 catches for 546 yards, 4 TDs... Tied 5th on team with 8 special team stops and averaged 24.2 yards on 5 kick returns... Set career-mark with 95 yards on 3 receptions, 1 TD at Arizona (10/30), incuding career-long 60-yard TD grab... Led team with career-high 4 catches for 57 yards, with 27-yard TD catch at L.A. Raiders (11/27)... Matched reception total vs. Cleveland (12/18), with 4 grabs for 74 yards, including 40-yard TD... Started both playoff games and made 1st postseason receptions of career.

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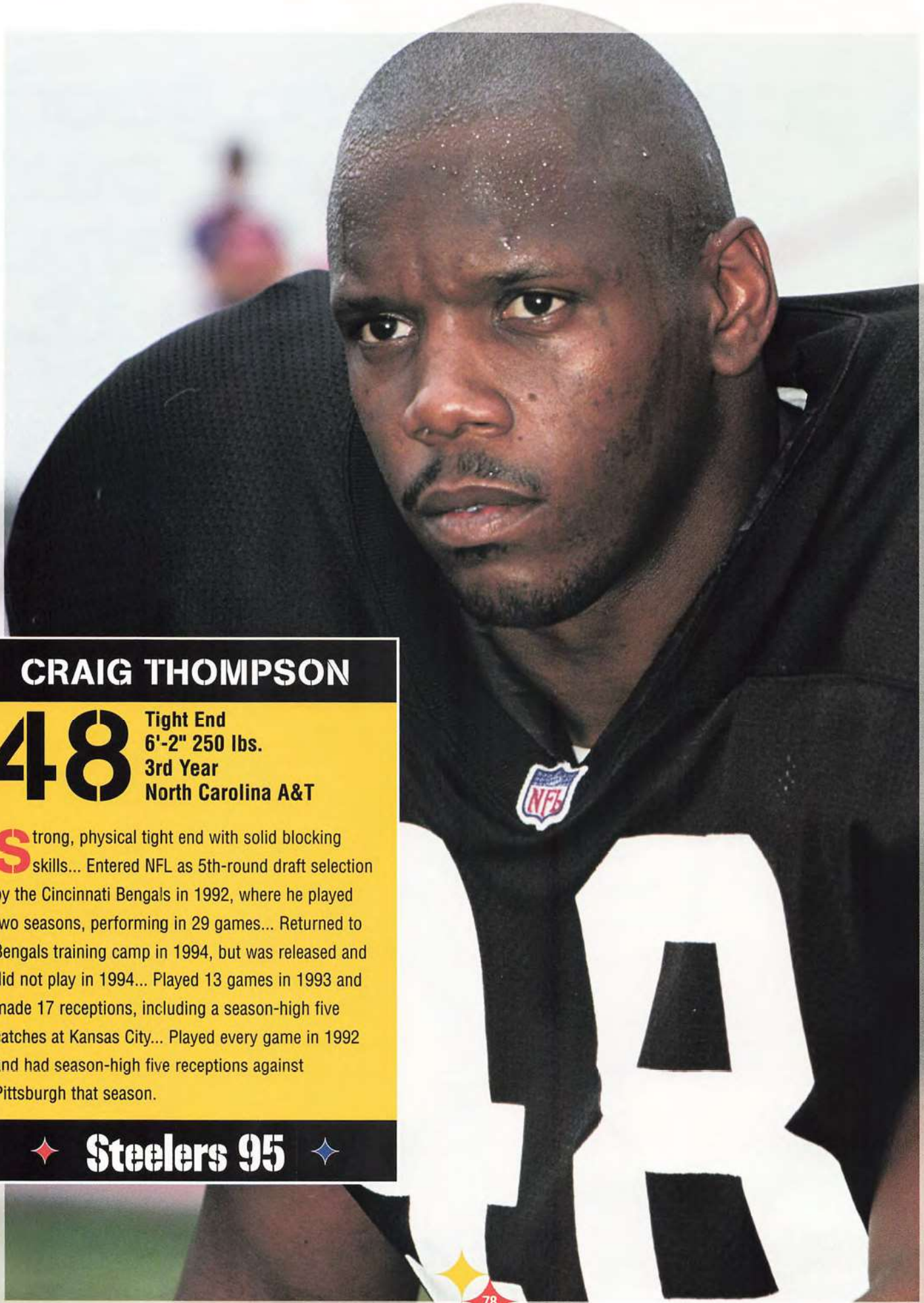

CRAIG THOMPSON

48

Tight End
6'-2" 250 lbs.
3rd Year
North Carolina A&T

Strong, physical tight end with solid blocking skills... Entered NFL as 5th-round draft selection by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1992, where he played two seasons, performing in 29 games... Returned to Bengals training camp in 1994, but was released and did not play in 1994... Played 13 games in 1993 and made 17 receptions, including a season-high five catches at Kansas City... Played every game in 1992 and had season-high five receptions against Pittsburgh that season.

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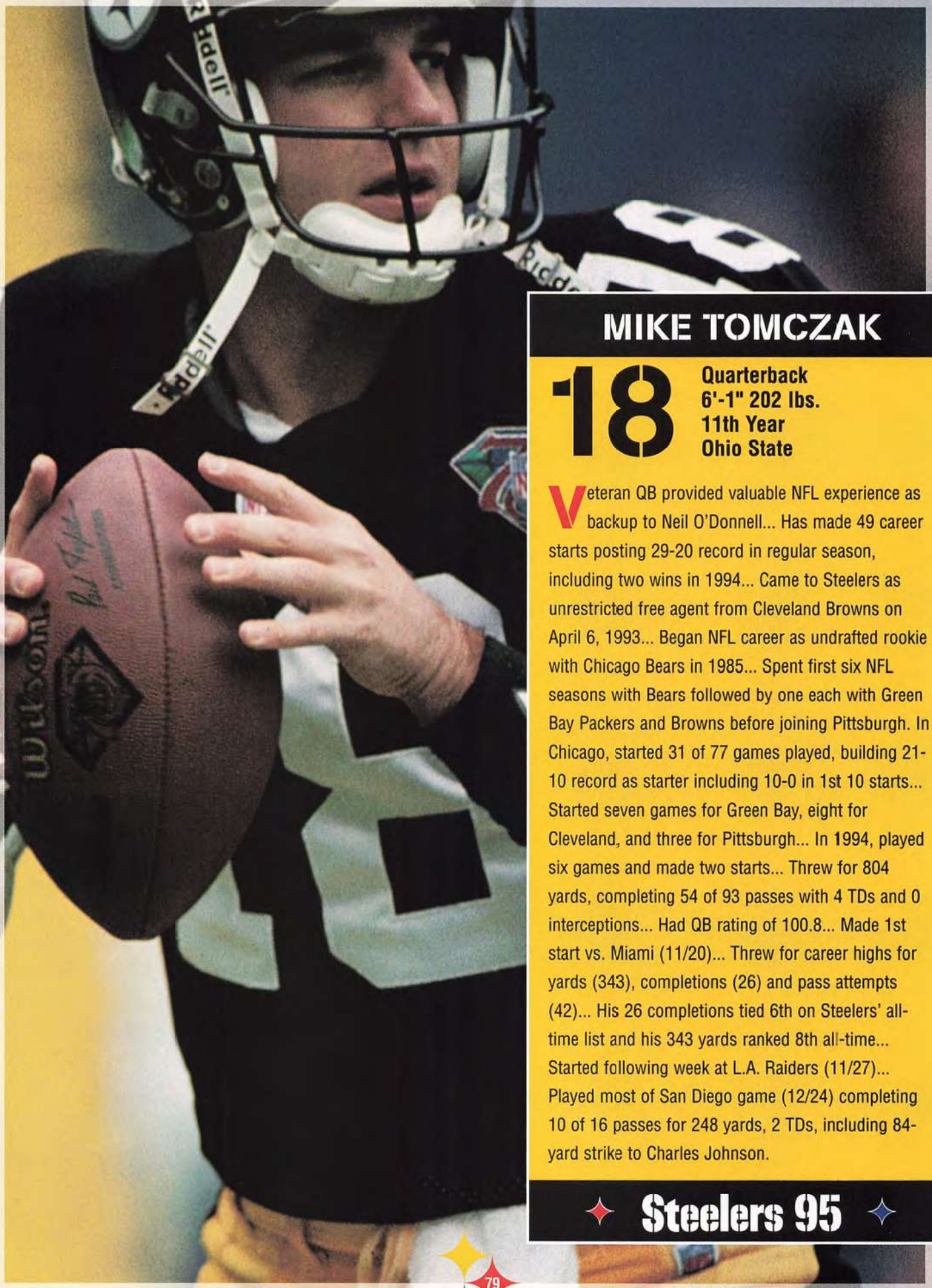

MIKE TOMCZAK

18

Quarterback
6'-1" 202 lbs.
11th Year
Ohio State

Veteran QB provided valuable NFL experience as backup to Neil O'Donnell... Has made 49 career starts posting 29-20 record in regular season, including two wins in 1994... Came to Steelers as unrestricted free agent from Cleveland Browns on April 6, 1993... Began NFL career as undrafted rookie with Chicago Bears in 1985... Spent first six NFL seasons with Bears followed by one each with Green Bay Packers and Browns before joining Pittsburgh. In Chicago, started 31 of 77 games played, building 21-10 record as starter including 10-0 in 1st 10 starts... Started seven games for Green Bay, eight for Cleveland, and three for Pittsburgh... In 1994, played six games and made two starts... Threw for 804 yards, completing 54 of 93 passes with 4 TDs and 0 interceptions... Had QB rating of 100.8... Made 1st start vs. Miami (11/20)... Threw for career highs for yards (343), completions (26) and pass attempts (42)... His 26 completions tied 6th on Steelers' all-time list and his 343 yards ranked 8th all-time... Started following week at L.A. Raiders (11/27)... Played most of San Diego game (12/24) completing 10 of 16 passes for 248 yards, 2 TDs, including 84-yard strike to Charles Johnson.

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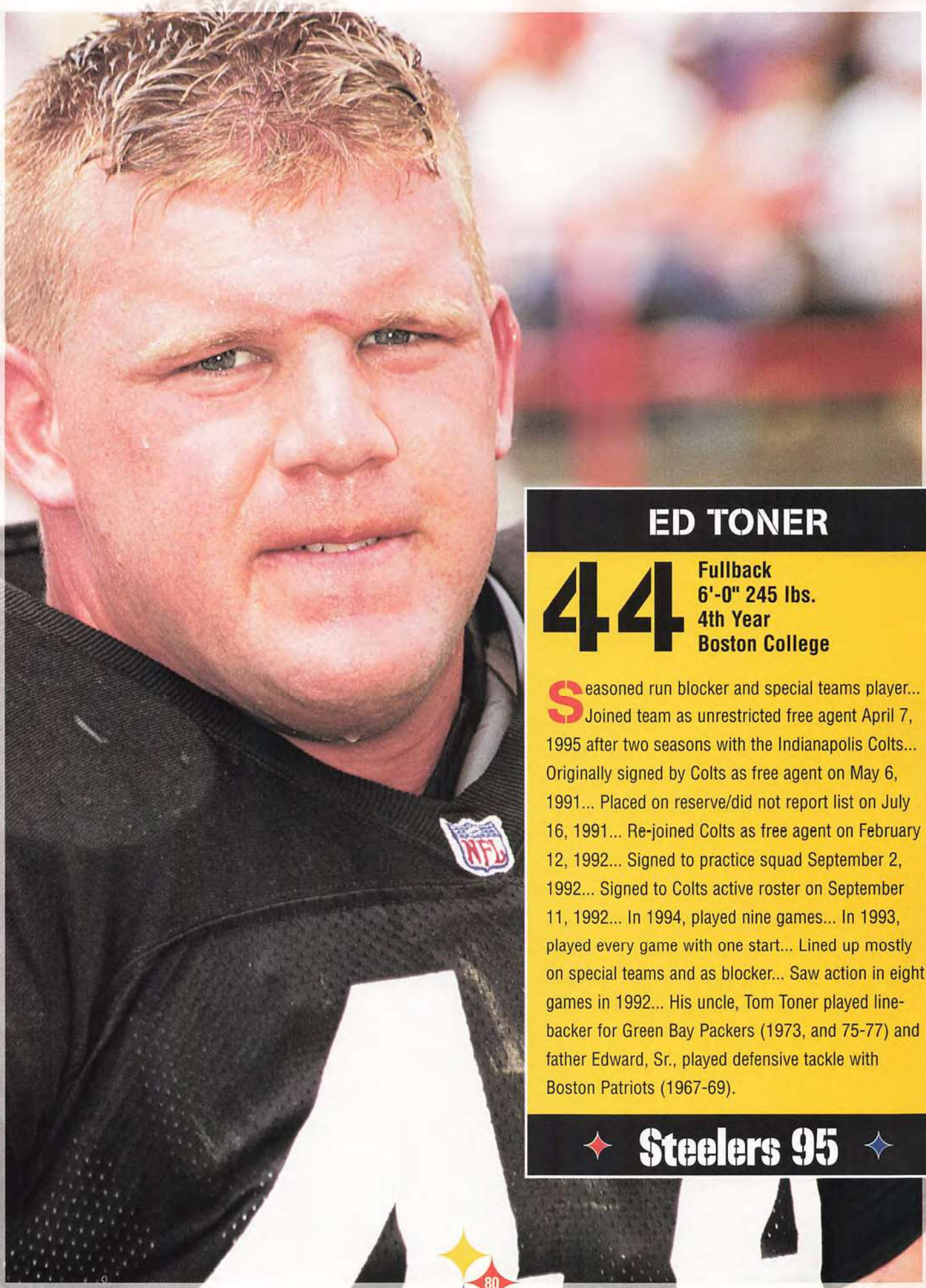

ED TONER

44

Fullback
6'-0" 245 lbs.
4th Year
Boston College

Seasoned run blocker and special teams player... Joined team as unrestricted free agent April 7, 1995 after two seasons with the Indianapolis Colts... Originally signed by Colts as free agent on May 6, 1991... Placed on reserve/did not report list on July 16, 1991... Re-joined Colts as free agent on February 12, 1992... Signed to practice squad September 2, 1992... Signed to Colts active roster on September 11, 1992... In 1994, played nine games... In 1993, played every game with one start... Lined up mostly on special teams and as blocker... Saw action in eight games in 1992... His uncle, Tom Toner played linebacker for Green Bay Packers (1973, and 75-77) and father Edward, Sr., played defensive tackle with Boston Patriots (1967-69).

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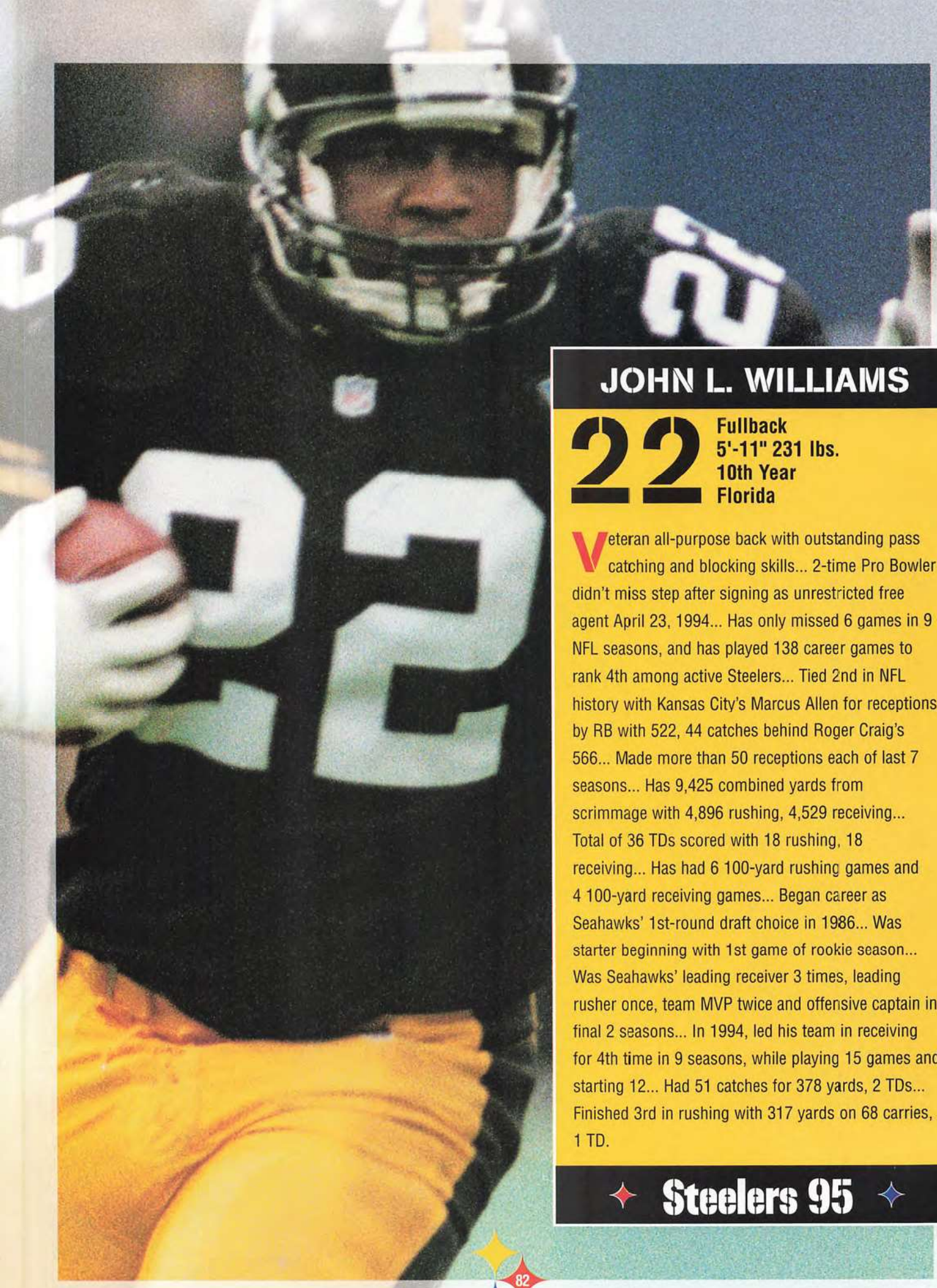

JOHN L. WILLIAMS

22

Fullback
5'-11" 231 lbs.
10th Year
Florida

Veteran all-purpose back with outstanding pass catching and blocking skills... 2-time Pro Bowler didn't miss step after signing as unrestricted free agent April 23, 1994... Has only missed 6 games in 9 NFL seasons, and has played 138 career games to rank 4th among active Steelers... Tied 2nd in NFL history with Kansas City's Marcus Allen for receptions by RB with 522, 44 catches behind Roger Craig's 566... Made more than 50 receptions each of last 7 seasons... Has 9,425 combined yards from scrimmage with 4,896 rushing, 4,529 receiving... Total of 36 TDs scored with 18 rushing, 18 receiving... Has had 6 100-yard rushing games and 4 100-yard receiving games... Began career as Seahawks' 1st-round draft choice in 1986... Was starter beginning with 1st game of rookie season... Was Seahawks' leading receiver 3 times, leading rusher once, team MVP twice and offensive captain in final 2 seasons... In 1994, led his team in receiving for 4th time in 9 seasons, while playing 15 games and starting 12... Had 51 catches for 378 yards, 2 TDs... Finished 3rd in rushing with 317 yards on 68 carries, 1 TD.

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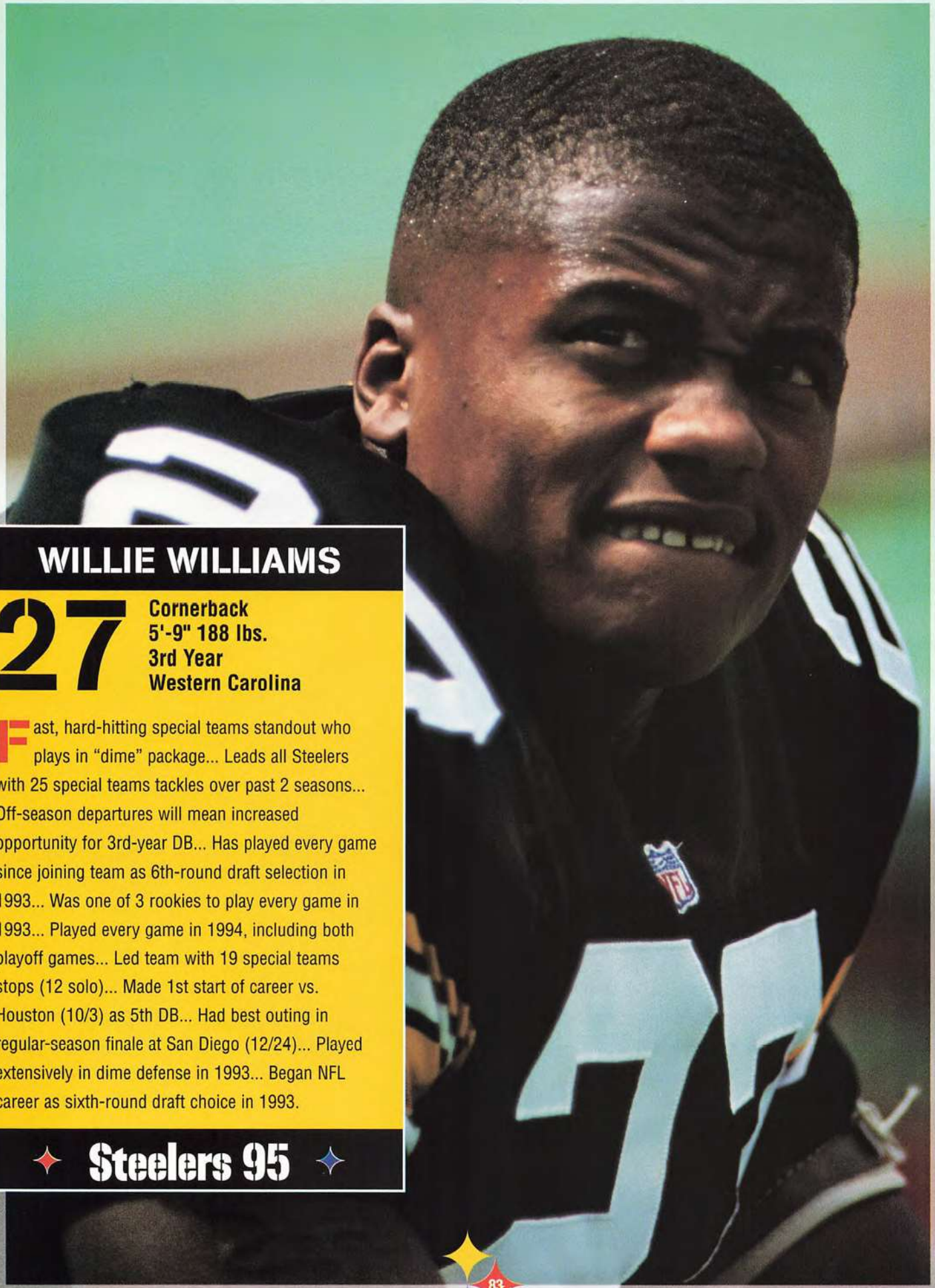

WILLIE WILLIAMS

27

Cornerback
5'-9" 188 lbs.
3rd Year
Western Carolina

Fast, hard-hitting special teams standout who plays in "dime" package... Leads all Steelers with 25 special teams tackles over past 2 seasons... Off-season departures will mean increased opportunity for 3rd-year DB... Has played every game since joining team as 6th-round draft selection in 1993... Was one of 3 rookies to play every game in 1993... Played every game in 1994, including both playoff games... Led team with 19 special teams stops (12 solo)... Made 1st start of career vs. Houston (10/3) as 5th DB... Had best outing in regular-season finale at San Diego (12/24)... Played extensively in dime defense in 1993... Began NFL career as sixth-round draft choice in 1993.

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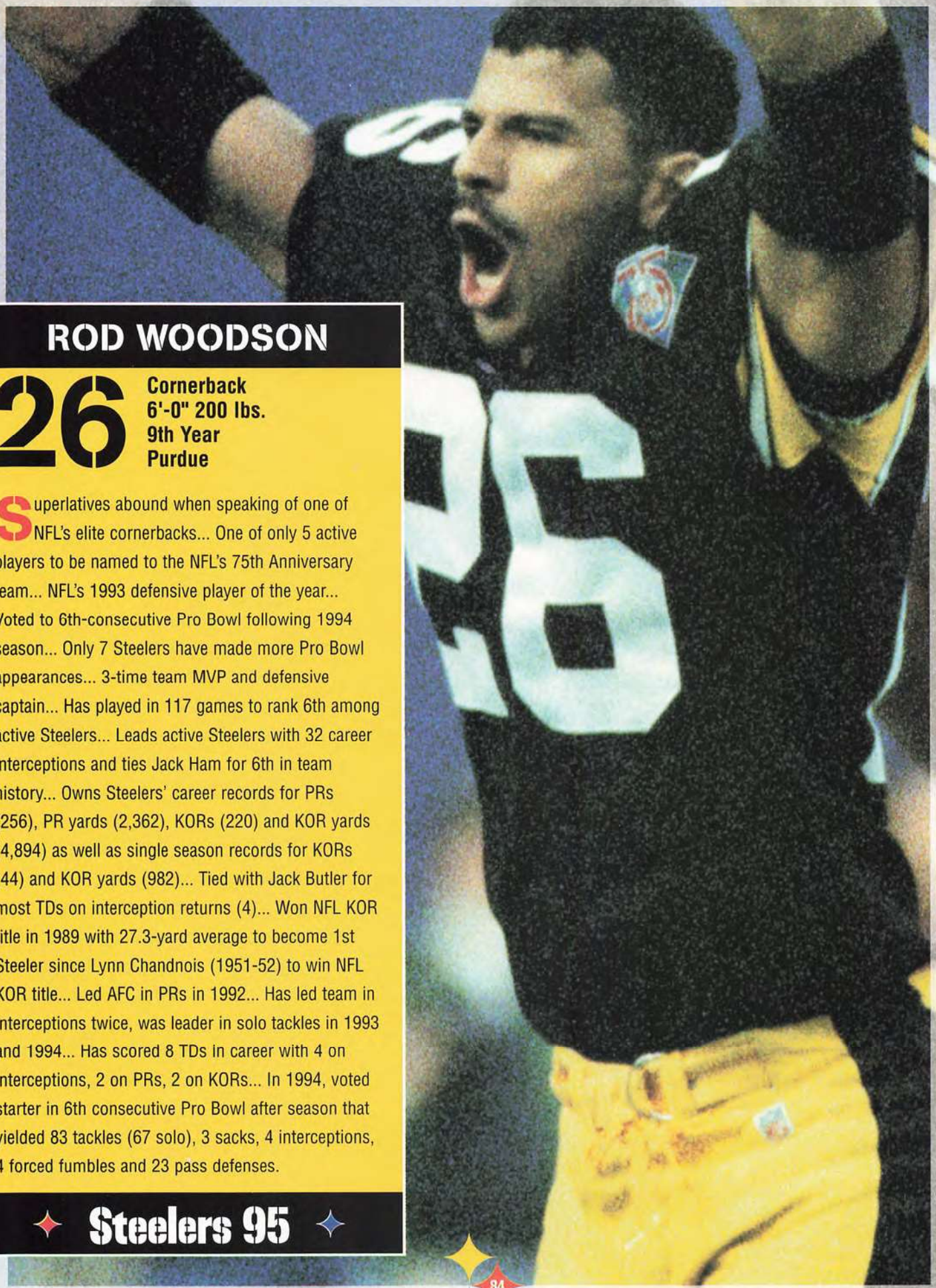
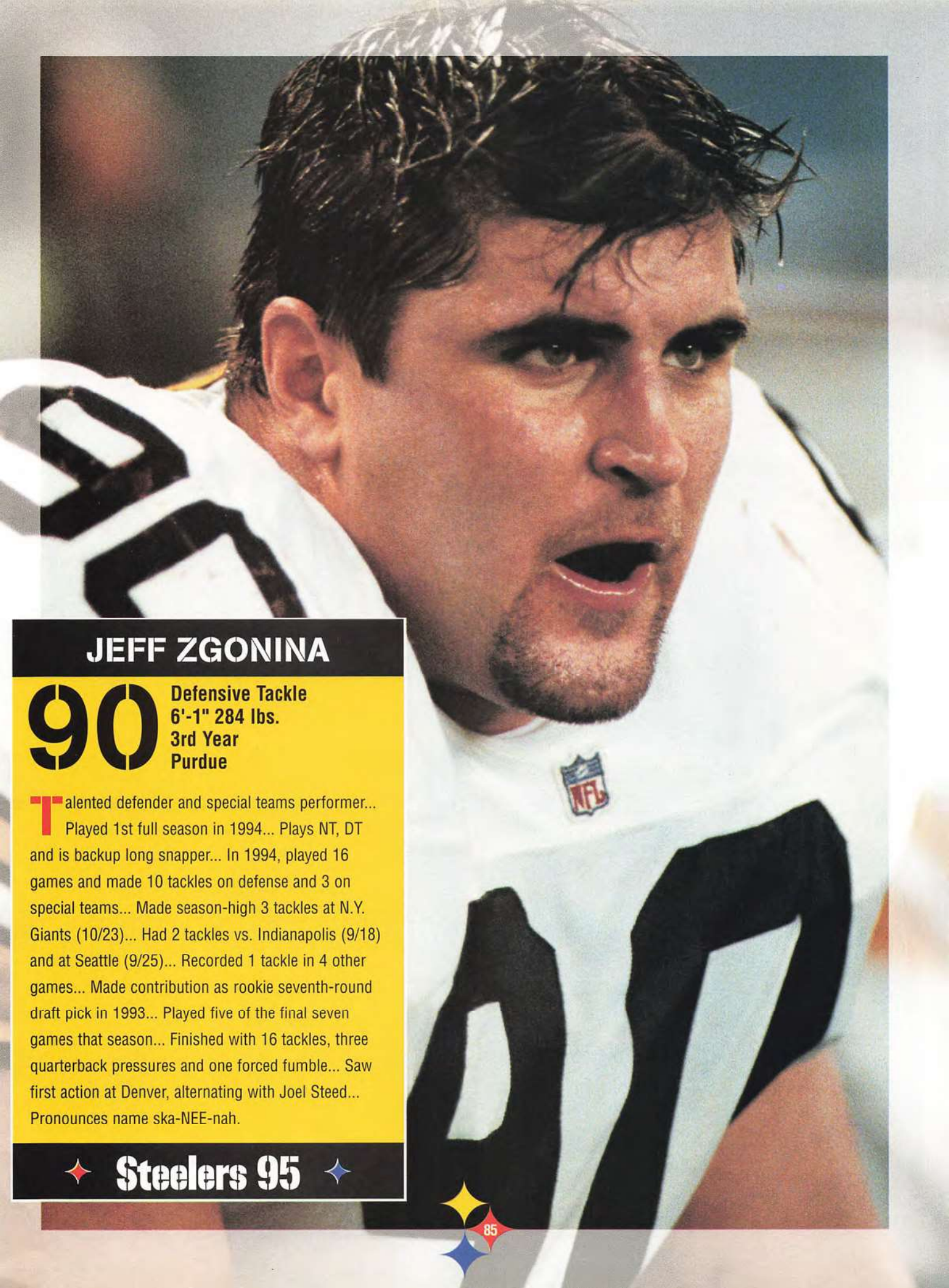


ROD WOODSON

26

Cornerback
6'-0" 200 lbs.
9th Year
Purdue

Superlatives abound when speaking of one of NFL's elite cornerbacks... One of only 5 active players to be named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary team... NFL's 1993 defensive player of the year... Voted to 6th-consecutive Pro Bowl following 1994 season... Only 7 Steelers have made more Pro Bowl appearances... 3-time team MVP and defensive captain... Has played in 117 games to rank 6th among active Steelers... Leads active Steelers with 32 career interceptions and ties Jack Ham for 6th in team history... Owns Steelers' career records for PRs (256), PR yards (2,362), KORs (220) and KOR yards (4,894) as well as single season records for KORs (44) and KOR yards (982)... Tied with Jack Butler for most TDs on interception returns (4)... Won NFL KOR title in 1989 with 27.3-yard average to become 1st Steeler since Lynn Chandnois (1951-52) to win NFL KOR title... Led AFC in PRs in 1992... Has led team in interceptions twice, was leader in solo tackles in 1993 and 1994... Has scored 8 TDs in career with 4 on interceptions, 2 on PRs, 2 on KORs... In 1994, voted starter in 6th consecutive Pro Bowl after season that yielded 83 tackles (67 solo), 3 sacks, 4 interceptions, 4 forced fumbles and 23 pass defenses.



JEFF ZGONINA

90

Defensive Tackle
6'-1" 284 lbs.
3rd Year
Purdue

Talented defender and special teams performer... Played 1st full season in 1994... Plays NT, DT and is backup long snapper... In 1994, played 16 games and made 10 tackles on defense and 3 on special teams... Made season-high 3 tackles at N.Y. Giants (10/23)... Had 2 tackles vs. Indianapolis (9/18) and at Seattle (9/25)... Recorded 1 tackle in 4 other games... Made contribution as rookie seventh-round draft pick in 1993... Played five of the final seven games that season... Finished with 16 tackles, three quarterback pressures and one forced fumble... Saw first action at Denver, alternating with Joel Steed... Pronounces name ska-NEE-nah.

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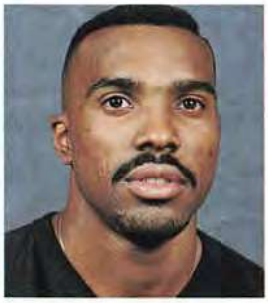
ANTHONY DAIGLE

23
Running Back
5'-10"
203 lbs.
1st Year
Fresno State

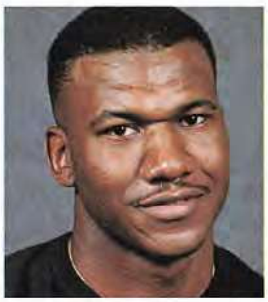
Signed to Steelers 53-man roster November 24, 1994 for final five games, after spending four weeks on Pittsburgh's practice squad... Spent 1994 training camp with Kansas City Chiefs and was on Chiefs' practice squad before signing with Pittsburgh October 27, 1994... In college, held Fresno State records for career rushing touchdowns with 35 and total touchdowns with 44... Ranked seventh on school's all-time rushing list with 2,089 yards.



DAMON MAYS

86
Wide Receiver
5'-9"
170 lbs.
1st Year
Missouri

Entered NFL as 9th-round draft selection by Dallas Cowboys in 1991... Attended Cowboys' 1991 and 1992 training camp... Went to camp with Houston Oilers in 1993 and 1994... In college, played for Glendale (Arizona) Community College before heading to Missouri... Finished Missouri with 52 receptions for 896 yards, eight touchdowns (17.2 average)... Made 26 catches for 524 yards, five touchdowns as senior.



COREY HOLLIDAY

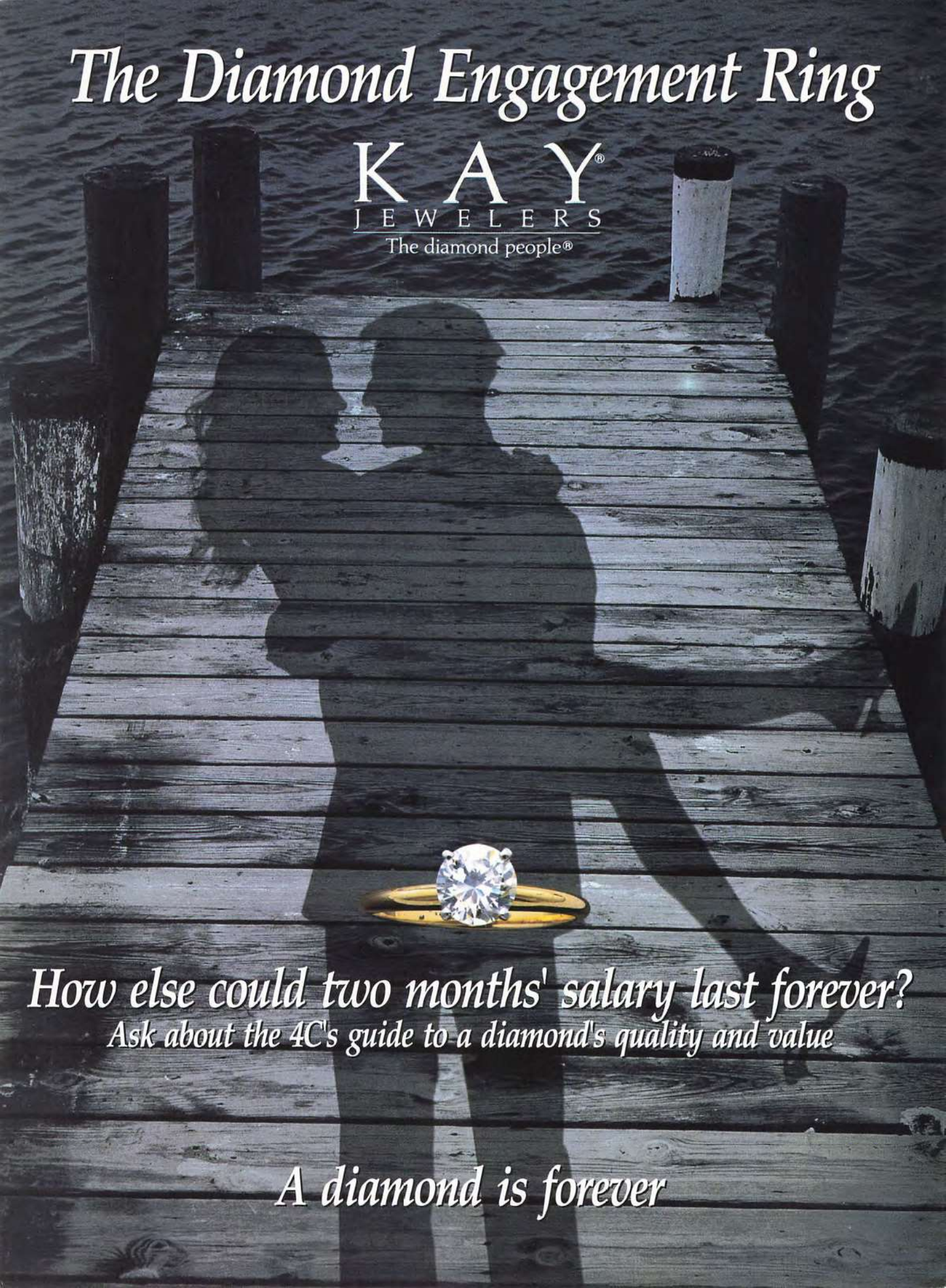
83
Wide Receiver
6'-2"
208 lbs.
1st Year
North Carolina

Spent final six weeks of season on Steelers' practice squad after signing Nov. 16... Initially joined Steelers as free agent rookie April 29 and was released during training camp, Aug. 22... In college, was North Carolina's receiving leader four times, finishing career with 155 receptions for 2,447 yards, both school records, and seven touchdowns... Streak of 45 games with a reception is longest in ACC history, 2nd longest in NCAA.

WILLIAM LOFTON

64
Defensive Tackle
6'-3"
295 lbs.
1st Year
Kentucky

Signed with Denver Broncos and attended 1994 training camp... Joined London Monarchs of World League in 1995... In college played every game during two-year stint with Kentucky... Finished senior season with 44 tackles and two sacks... Ended career with 101 tackles and three sacks... Was junior college all-America for Chowan J.C.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MARK BRUENER 1st Round (#27) Tight End 6'-4" 250 lbs. Washington
Second TE drafted overall, holds Washington's record for career-catches by TE with 90, and ranks 8th overall... Had 1,012 receiving yards to rank 3rd on TE list... As senior started every game and finished 2nd on team with 34 receptions for 331 yards, 1 TD... Earned 1st-team all-America by Newspaper Enterprise Association as junior, adding 2nd-team honors from UPI... All-PAC 10 Conference choice became 1st TE to lead team in receptions since 1972... Had 30 grabs for 414 yards, 3 TDs... 1st 100-yard game and career TD... As true freshman, played every game, most on special teams and as backup TE... Building construction major... Born Sept. 16, 1972 in Olympia, Wash.

KORDELL STEWART 2nd Round (#28, 60) Quarterback 6'-1" 212 lbs. Colorado
Holds school all-time records with 456 completions of 785 passes (58.1%) for 6,481 yards & 33 TDs... Set a Colorado career-record with 7,770 yards in total offense... Also holds school's all-time records for average yards per completion (13.8), yards in total offense per game (235.5), and yards per offensive play (6.36), threw for 300 yards 6 times & had only 2.4% of his passes intercepted... As senior, was all-America 2nd-team selection by AP... All-Big Eight Conference 1st-team... Completed 147 of 237 passes (62.0%) for 2,071 yards, 10 TDs... 2nd on team with 639 yards rushing, 7 scores on 122 carries (5.2 avg.)... Majored in communications... Born Oct. 16, 1972 in New Orleans, La.

BRENDEN STAI 3rd Round (#27, 91) Guard 6'-4" 305 lbs. Nebraska
All-America selection by Walter Camp and Football Writers Association... All-Big Eight Conference 1st-team honors... Started all year at LG and registered 109 knockdown blocks on team that won national rushing title with 340-yard average... Starting guard as junior... Missed final 4 games with fractured fibula and ankle dislocation... Returned to action vs. Florida State in Orange Bowl... As sophomore, played behind all-America and Outland Trophy winner Will Shields (Kansas City Chiefs, 3rd in 1993)... Born March 30, 1972 in Phoenix, Ariz... Name is pronounced STY.

OLIVER GIBSON 4th Round (#22, 120) Defensive Tackle 6'-2" 283 lbs. Notre Dame
Started 18 of 47 career games and recorded 128 tackles and 6 sacks... As senior, started every game at NG and earned 1st-team all-Independent honors from Sporting News... Finished with 60 tackles and 3 sacks... Started 1st five games at RT as junior, played every game... Recorded 34 tackles... Played every game with 1 start in sophomore season... In freshman season, played 11 games and made 1 start at DE... Played 3 games as true freshman at NG and OLB... Also played on Irish basketball team for 2nd half of 1990-91 season... Played 7 games, scoring 8 points and five rebounds... Earned degree in Economics... Began graduate course in English... Born March 15, 1972 in Chicago, Ill.

DONTA JONES 4th Round (#27, 125) Linebacker 6'-2" 226 lbs. Nebraska
Solid pass-rush prospect... 2-year starter at LB finished career with 106 tackles and 9 sacks... Made 20 starts in 39 career-games... Started every game at ROLB as senior, making 52 tackles, 5 sacks and 10 stop for losses... Also registered team-high 22 QB pressures... Started 8 of 10 games as junior... Started both inside and outside... Recorded 25 tackles, 1 FF, 2 FR and 10 QB pressures... As 2nd-year freshman, played behind Trev Alberts (5th player selected by Indianapolis in 1993)... Graduated with degree in Accounting and Business Administration... Born Aug. 27, 1972 in Washington D.C. ... Name is pronounced DON-tay.

LETHON FLOWERS 5th Round (#17, 151) Cornerback 6'-0" 202 lbs. Georgia Tech
Starter at CB and return specialist... Career total of 238 tackles was 3rd-best mark by a Georgia Tech DB... 21.8 average on 44 KORs and 6.1 average on 44 PRs... Earned all-Atlantic Coast conference honors as senior... 4th on defense with 75 tackles and 3rd in ACC with 23.5 KOR average in 23 returns, including career-long 62 yarder... Made 2 interceptions... In junior season, totaled 55 tackles while backing up both CB positions and playing in nickel situations... Averaged 7.9 yards per PR and 16.4 yards per KOR... Management major... Born Jan. 14, 1973 in Columbia, S.C. ... Name is pronounced LEE-thon.

LANCE BROWN 5th Round (#27, 161) Safety 6'-0" 200 lbs. Indiana
Versatile defender can play both S and FS positions... Registered 162 career tackles and finished 2nd in school history with 11 career interceptions... Started all year at FS, finishing 3rd on team with 67 tackles and 3 interceptions... Started 1st 6 games at FS before suffering ankle injury and forced to sidelines... Returned to action as reserve for final 4 games... Made 37 tackles, 4 interceptions and 5 pass defenses... Started 5 games at SS as sophomore... Played every game and recorded 35 tackles and 3 interceptions... Criminal justice major... Born Feb. 2, 1972 in Jacksonville, Fla.

BARRON MILES 6th Round (#28, 199) Cornerback 5'-8" 165 lbs. Nebraska
2-year starter at CB was force in Nebraska secondary... Special teams ace blocked 5 punts and 2 FGs in career... Senior season earned 1st-team all-Big Eight honors for 2nd year with career-high 5 interceptions... Added 40 tackles, 13 pass defenses, 3 blocked punts and 1 FG... Big Eight Conference honors as junior with career-best 50 tackles to rank 6th on team... Also had 5 pass defenses and 2 interceptions... Earned Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week honors... Spent sophomore year as backup at LCB and played every game... Human development major... Born Jan. 1, 1972 in Roselle, N.J.

HENRY BAILEY 7th Round (#27, 235) Wide Receiver 5'-8" 176 lbs. Nevada-Las Vegas
Holder of 3 UNLV all-time receiving records with 156 catches for 2,515 yards and 24 TDs... Also had 224 yards on 60 rushes (3.7 avg.), averaged 23.7 yards on 75 KORs and 10.5 yards on 35 PRs... Started every game as senior and caught 44 passes for 586 yards (13.3 avg.), 10 TDs... Averaged 107.2 all-purpose yards per game... Had 17 KORs for 432 yards (25.4 avg.) and 12 PRs for 111 yards (9.3 avg.)... Caught 9 passes for 159 yards and set Rebels' single-game record with 4 receiving TDs vs. Idaho... 3rd on team with 33 receptions for 502 yards, 2 TDs as junior... Criminal justice major... Born Feb. 28, 1973 in Chicago, Ill.

COLE FORD 7th Round (#39, 247) Placekicker 6'-2" 195 lbs. Southern California
4-year USC kicker has ability to hit long-ball on kickoffs and also serve as emergency punter...94 of Ford's 192 career KOs were not returned out of end zone... Hit 34 of 57 career field goals (.596)... Earned all-PAC-10 honorable mention as senior after hitting 14 of 19 FGs (.737)... Equaled career-best of 3 FGs vs. Baylor... Made career-long 42-yarder in Cotton Bowl against Texas Tech... Hit career-best 7 of 7 PATs twice... Finished 4th in PAC-10 in scoring and tied 4th in FGs... 36 of 70 KORs were not returned... Was starting kicker as junior, but stress fracture in back sidelined him for 7 mid-season games... Business major... Born Dec. 31, 1972 in Tucson, Ariz.

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23	Daigle, Anthony	RB	5-10	203	4/5/70	1	Fresno State	Benicia, California
63	Dawson, Dermontti	C	6-2	286	6/17/65	8	Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky
74	Dinkins, Vincent	OC	6-1	291	4/10/72	R	South Carolina	Columbia, South Carolina
47	Ellis, Joey	DB	5-8	194	4/6/73	R	Texas	Tyler, Texas
78	Faumui, Taase	DL	6-3	278	3/19/71	2	Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii
21	Figures, Deon	CB/PR	6-0	203	1/20/70	3	Colorado	Compton, California
41	Flowers, Lethon	DB	6-0	202	1/14/73	R	Georgia Tech	Spring Valley, North Carolina
2	Ford, Cole	K	6-2	195	12/31/72	R	Southern California	Tucson, Arizona
60	Gammon, Kendall	C	6-4	288	10/23/68	4	Pittsburg State	Wichita, Kansas
74	Gibson, Oliver	DT	6-2	283	3/15/72	R	Notre Dame	Romeoville, Illinois
92	Gildon, Jason	LB	6-3	237	7/31/72	2	Oklahoma State	Altus, Oklahoma
17	Grant, Doug	WR	5-8	171	2/7/68	R	Savannah State	Atlanta, Georgia
91	Greene, Kevin	LB	6-3	247	7/31/62	11	Auburn	Oxford, Alabama
71	Greene, Tirrell	OG	6-2	305	5/15/72	R	Miami	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
88	Hastings, Andre	WR	6-1	190	11/7/70	3	Georgia	Atlanta, Georgia
85	Hayes, Jonathan	TE	6-5	248	8/11/62	11	Iowa	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
76	Henry, Kevin	DE	6-4	270	10/23/68	3	Mississippi State	Mound Bayou, Mississippi
71	Holden, Germaine	DE	6-3	268	1/17/73	R	Notre Dame	Anderson, South Carolina
83	Holliday, Corey	WR	6-2	208	1/31/71	1	North Carolina	Richmond, Virginia
61	Ingrassia, Anthony	OT	6-2	313	5/28/72	R	Florida	Warren, New Jersey
65	Jackson, John	OT	6-6	297	1/4/65	8	Eastern Kentucky	Cincinnati, Ohio
81	Johnson, Charles	WR	6-0	189	1/3/72	2	Colorado	San Bernardino, California
54	Jones, Donta	LB	6-2	226	8/27/72	R	Nebraska	Pomfret, Maryland
62	Kalis, Todd	G	6-6	296	5/10/65	8	Arizona State	Phoenix, Arizona
87	Keith, Craig	TE	6-3	264	4/27/71	3	Lenoir-Rhyne	Raleigh, North Carolina
99	Kirkland, Levon	LB	6-1	252	2/17/69	4	Clemson	Lamar, South Carolina
37	Lake, Carnell	SS	6-1	210	7/15/67	7	UCLA	Inglewood, California
95	Lloyd, Greg	LB	6-2	226	5/26/65	9	Fort Valley State	Fort Valley, Georgia
64	Lofton, William	DT	6-2	295	10/28/71	1	Kentucky	Wilmington, North Carolina
56	Mack, Rico	LB	6-4	242	2/22/71	3	Appalachian State	Statham, Georgia
28	Mays, Alvoid	CB	5-9	172	7/10/66	6	West Virginia	Bradenton, Florida
86	Mays, Damon	WR	5-9	170	5/20/68	1	Missouri	Phoenix, Arizona
25	McAfee, Fred	RB	5-10	193	6/20/68	5	Mississippi	Philadelphia, Mississippi
49	Miles, Barron	DB	5-8	165	1/1/72	R	Nebraska	Roselle, New Jersey
16	Miller, Jim	QB	6-2	226	2/9/71	2	Michigan State	Waterford, Michigan
89	Mills, Ernie	WR	5-11	192	10/28/68	5	Florida	Dunnellon, Florida
33	Morris, Byron "Bam"	RB	6-0	235	1/13/72	2	Texas Tech	Cooper, Texas
66	Newberry, Thomas	G	6-2	285	12/20/62	10	Wisconsin-La Crosse	Onalaska, Wisconsin
14	O'Donnell, Neil	QB	6-3	230	7/3/66	6	Maryland	Madison, New Jersey
24	Oldham, Chris	CB	5-9	183	10/28/68	4	Oregon	Sacramento, California
55	Olsavsky, Jerry	LB	6-1	221	3/29/67	7	Pittsburgh	Youngstown, Ohio
77	Palelei, Si'ulagi	G	6-3	320	10/15/70	3	Nevada-Las Vegas	Blue Springs, Missouri
79	Parrish, James	OL	6-6	320	5/19/68	2	Temple	Jessup, Maryland
36	Patillo, Tim	DB	5-10	179	5/24/72	R	Ohio State	Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
20	Pegram, Erric	RB	5-10	195	1/7/69	5	North Texas State	Dallas, Texas
39	Perry, Darren	FS	5-11	196	12/29/68	4	Penn State	Deep Creek, Virginia
50	Phillips, Kiefer	LB	6-0	264	9/11/72	R	Grambling	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
84	Rasby, Walter	TE	6-3	247	9/7/72	2	Wake Forest	Washington, North Carolina
57	Ravotti, Eric	LB	6-3	254	3/16/71	2	Penn State	Freeport, Pennsylvania
51	Robinson, Ed	LB	6-0	228	12/7/70	2	Florida	DeFuniak Springs, Florida
97	Seals, Ray	DE	6-3	309	6/17/65	8	none	Syracuse, New York
72	Searcy, Leon	OT	6-3	304	12/21/69	4	Miami (Fla.)	Orlando, Florida
67	Simpson, Tim	G/C	6-2	284	3/5/69	2	Illinois	Peoria, Illinois
45	Smith, Tracy	CB	5-10	188	8/5/69	1	Tennessee	Jonesboro, Georgia
69	Solomon, Ariel	C/G	6-5	290	7/16/68	5	Colorado	Boulder, Colorado
68	Stai, Brenden	G	6-4	305	3/30/72	R	Nebraska	Anaheim, California
3	Stark, Rohn	P	6-3	203	5/4/59	14	Florida State	Minneapolis, Minnesota
93	Steed, Joel	NT	6-2	295	2/17/69	4	Colorado	Denver, Colorado
10	Stewart, Kordell	QB	6-1	212	10/16/72	R	Colorado	Marrero, Louisiana
5	Stewart, Ty	K	5-11	194	9/13/71	R	Iowa State	Omaha, Nebraska
73	Strzelczyk, Justin	G/OT	6-6	295	8/18/68	6	Maine	Seneca, New York
82	Thigpen, Yancey	WR	6-1	208	8/15/69	4	Winston-Salem State	Tarboro, North Carolina
48	Thompson, Craig	TE	6-2	250	1/13/69	3	North Carolina A&T	Hartsville, South Carolina
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB	6-1	207	10/23/62	11	Ohio State	Calumet City, Illinois.
44	Toner, Ed	FB	6-0	245	3/22/68	4	Boston College	Swampscott, Massachusetts
22	Williams, John L.	FB	5-11	231	11/23/64	10	Florida	Palatka, Florida
27	Williams, Willie	CB	5-9	185	12/26/70	3	Western Carolina	Columbia, South Carolina
26	Woodson, Rod	CB/KR	6-0	200	3/10/65	9	Purdue	Fort Wayne, Indiana
90	Zgonina, Jeff	DT	6-1	287	5/24/70	3	Purdue	Lake Grove, Illinois

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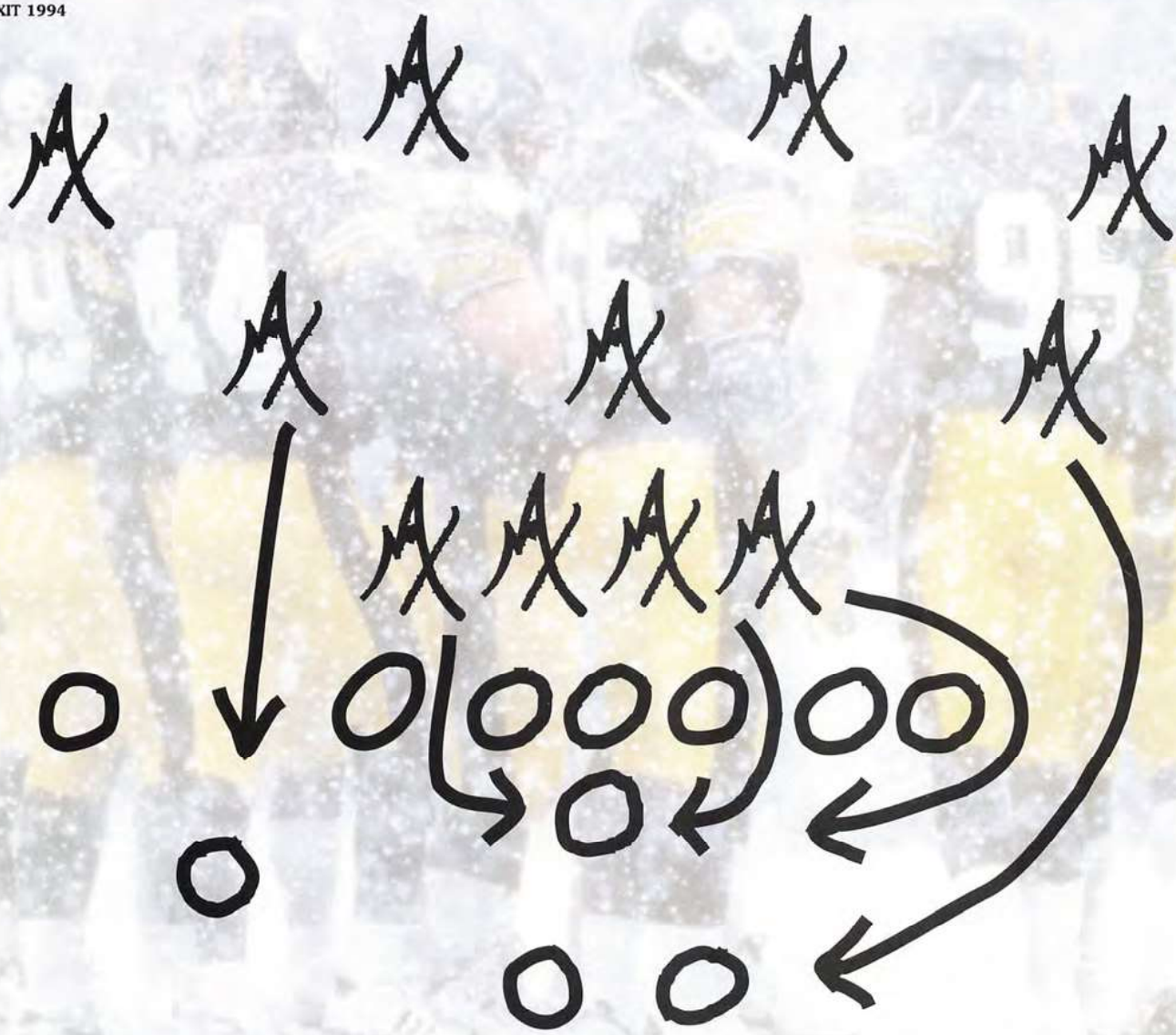

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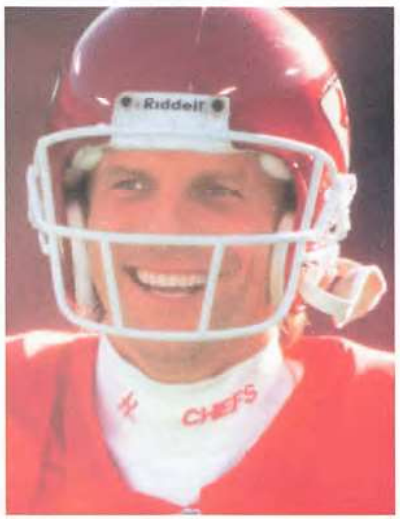

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